

The Weather

Today—High wind and cold with rain or snow in the morning. Probable clearing in the afternoon and evening. Yesterday—High, 44; low, 40.

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Senate Votes Complete UNO Authority

Amended Jobs-For-All Bill Approved By House Unit

Measure Would Create Advisory Council, Require Reports to Congress

By the Associated Press
Legislation designed to minimize unemployment was approved by the House. Expenditures Committee yesterday after long consideration and much revising.

The measure would declare it a Federal policy to maintain "a high level of employment" throughout the country.

To accomplish this it would: Set up a three-member council of economic advisers to the President.

Direct the President to report to each session of Congress, starting in 1947, on ways of averting unemployment, and

Set up a special Senate-House committee to act on the President's report.

The legislation is a considerably changed version of the so-called "full-employment" bill asked by President Truman and approved in modified form by the Senate two months ago. Whether Mr. Truman will find the substitute acceptable remains to be seen.

The House committee eliminated two key sections of the Administration-backed proposal. One enunciated a Government policy of maintaining "full employment" by providing jobs to supplement private enterprise, if necessary. The other would have given all able-bodied Americans an opportunity to find work if they wanted it.

Chairman Mansueti (D., Ala.) of the expenditures group has termed these two sections "vague and unrealistic." He said Congress never would pass legislation "assuring jobs for all."

Yesterday's action ended two months' consideration of the legislation by the committee. Mr. Truman has called it "damaging delay."

Speaker Rayburn (D., Tex.) told his news conference yesterday the committee bill will be sent to the floor next week for House action.

Representative Peiman (D., Tex.), author of the Administration measure, told a reporter he was "highly pleased" with the committee's vote, even though he does not like the substitute.

He said that "once we get the bill to the floor we can attempt to change it to the way we want it."

Tidal Wave Cost 4000 Lives in India
Bombay, Dec. 4 (AP)—Press dispatches from Karachi said today that 4000 people were killed and 40,000 left homeless by last week's tidal wave which struck the west coast of India.

A series of earthquakes were believed to have caused the tidal wave. Two villages west of Karachi were wiped out. In one city only three survivors remained of 300 inhabitants.

230 Jap Repatriates Sail From Shanghai
Shanghai, Dec. 4 (AP)—Two hundred thirty Japanese, ranging from wrinkled ancients to babies, crowded into the dark hold of the merchant ship Mei-yu Maru today and sailed for Japan—the first repatriates from Shanghai's colony of 300,000 Japanese.

All but a handful of military personnel were selected by a self-governing Japanese council from among 90,000 civilians segregated in the former Jewish ghetto here.

2 Newspapers Wrecked By Rioters in Istanbul
Istanbul, Dec. 4 (AP)—Nearly 20,000 rioters—chiefly university and high school students—wrecked two Istanbul newspaper plants and at least two book stores in what police called a sudden violent anti-communist demonstration today. The crowd showed little signs of dispersing as soldiers and hundreds of police patrolled the city early this afternoon.

British Say Truman May Attend Parley.
London, Dec. 4 (AP)—The British Press Association, quoting "delegates to the United Nations preparatory commission," said tonight a "big five foreign secretaries" conference would be held soon, with President Truman possibly substituting for Secretary Byrnes. A survey of delegates by Associated Press reporters failed to confirm the report.

Two Get 1946 Cars, Then Smash Each Other
Belleville, Pa., Dec. 4 (AP)—Two persons here own 1946 automobiles. Such of them were getting the bumper straightened today. They smashed each other.

Produce Trickles Through Strike-Bound Freight Yards



RAILROAD CARS loaded with holiday freight stand idle in the Baltimore & Ohio Eckington freight yards as the six-week-old truckers strike continues to impair the flow of goods into the city. The cars are among an estimated 1500 jammed into the yards. At left a Wonder Bread truck is backed up to a car as bakery employees unload merchandise. A truck owned by the Jacobs Transfer Co., which has made a settlement with the union, also is shown removing freight from the yards.

A Suggestion

A Real Welcome for the Boys This Christmas

CHRISTMAS, 1945, should be the merriest in Washington's colorful history. Victory and the boys coming home provide a joyful setting after the tenseness and anxiety of recent years.

It is an opportunity for this community to welcome home its GI fighting men, in uniform and proudly wearing gold eagle discharge pins.

Washington has done well by our hero generals and admirals. The entire community has been anxious to pay homage to its fighting sons.

Christmas is our opportunity. Let the District of Columbia mobilize, then, to give its fighting men the warmest, the happiest "welcome home" that this big-hearted city can devise.

The District Commissioners can issue a proclamation naming the period from December 22 to January 1 to "Welcome the Boys Home."

Community organizations, veterans' groups, churches, schools, can plan parties and open house gatherings.

Everyone can decorate, put out holiday lights and flags in private yards and special bunting and other holiday decoration in the business districts. "Welcome Home" signs should greet the eye everywhere.

NEIGHBORHOODS can plan parties and block celebrations with bonfires, doughnuts, cider, community singing, and all the old-time fun that will mean a lot to the returned Washington boy.

Inviting wounded in nearby hospitals to Christmas dinners and parties, caroling beneath windows, and special church services for boys not yet back—or who will never come back—can round out a city-wide program.

The holidays given Government workers will make it possible for them to enter wholeheartedly the "Welcome Home" activities. Everyone can do something to make this the Merriest of all Christmases.

Let's go!

Investigation Continues
Three more hacksaw blades were found in the District Jail yesterday, hidden so well they escaped notice by 100 Metropolitan police and detectives who the day before swept through the jail in a surprise shakedown inspection.

This disclosure came as the District Board of Public Welfare concluded an all-day meeting at the jail in which a final report on the circumstances surrounding the November 24 escape by five men was received.

The three hacksaw blades—bringing the total to seven uncovered since the daylight getaway in which four prisoners are still at large—were found in the attic of cell block No. 2 of the jail.

The search was instigated by Howard B. Gill, general superintendent of District prisons, and the discovery was made by George R. Johnston, prison engineer.

Asked if prisoners had access to the attic in which the saws were found, Gill said that prisoners had free run of the premises and could have smuggled them out if they had the inclination.

Gill explained the presence of the saw blades by saying they most likely were left there by builders who worked on Cell Block No. 2 as far back as 1939.

Cruiser Deaths 500 Too High, Officer Claims

McVay Enters Plea Of Not Guilty in Navy Court Martial

By Marshall Andrews
Post Staff Writer
A total of 850 men might have survived the stricken Indianapolis instead of the 316 who eventually were rescued, a former deck officer of the cruiser testified yesterday at the court-martial of Capt. Charles B. McVay 3d.

Captain McVay, who commanded the Indianapolis when she was sunk last July 30 in the Philippine Sea, pleaded not guilty to the two charges and two specifications against him. These allege that he was negligent in not steering a zigzag course and that he was "culpably inefficient" in not ordering the ship abandoned in time to prevent great loss of life.

Lieut. J. G. Charles B. McKisick, USNR, who said he was officer of the deck in the watch just before the cruiser was sunk, testified that in his opinion not more than 300 to 350 men went down with the ship. His estimate, he said, was based on "the approximate location of the explosions, the condition of the men on the ship just before she sank and the number of men seen in the water."

Escaped Through Turret
"I do not believe," he said, "that any man who was not in the area of the actual explosions did not have time to get off. There was no undue confusion on the part of the ship where I was and it was in the worst condition."

He had previously testified that he managed to escape from his room, which was between the two turrets, by climbing up through a turret powder room and through the turret.

McKisick said that just before he went off watch at 8 p. m., he received orders from Captain McVay to cease zigzagging at the end of twilight. On cross-examination

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What Are Their Motives?
U. S. Reds 'All Out' In Drive To 'Bring the Boys Back Home'

The American Communist Party has gone all out in a campaign to "Bring the Boys Back Home."

William Z. Foster and other Communist leaders and fellow travelers, through mass meetings, strikes, picketing of the State Department and bombardment of the White House with telegrams and telephone calls, are showing the same zeal that marked a similar campaign back in 1940-41. Then they were crying "The Yanks Are Not Coming" and were inveighing against lend-lease aid to Britain and against convoys, conscription and the "imperialist war" in general.

Once Germany attacked Russia, of course, all this changed. The slogan then became, "Full support and cooperation with the Soviet Union in its struggle against Hitlerism."

The current campaign of the Communists, aimed at bringing home all American forces abroad, is a popular one. Millions of Americans, including the soldiers, sailors and Marines themselves and their relatives at home, echo the sentiment when the Communists cry "Bring the Boys Back Home."

The motives, however, are different. Why are the Communists now so concerned about the return of American forces abroad?

The Communists say it is to prevent the United States from going "imperialist," a word which, according to Funk & Wagnalls, means "ambition to form an empire."

Senator Homer Ferguson (R., See FERGUSON, Page 2, Column 6

Truck Union Rejects D. C. Strike Offer

By John F. Gerrity
Post Staff Writer
The District Commissioners yesterday transmitted to striking District teamsters a management offer to settle the six-week-old strike which has tied up millions of dollars worth of Christmas merchandise, but the union rejected the proposal.

The strike has tied up more than 1500 railroad freight cars in the city's railroad yards and has frozen an estimated three million dollars worth of holiday and essential freight which cannot be delivered to local merchants.

Only freight that is moving in that transported by the merchants themselves or by a handful of transfer companies which have made settlements with the union, Local 639, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL.

District business associations said the three-million-dollar estimate does not cover hundreds of inbound shipments tied up in nearby cities by the shipping embargo on less than carload freight which the railroads placed in effect to avoid still more serious congestion in local yards.

The proposal transmitted by the Commissioners would raise the general hourly rate to 87½ cents an hour, a boost of 5½ cents an hour, but a stipulation that the new rates stand for two years was included.

Union's Objections
The union objected to the two-year provision and is insisting on its demand for a 92 cents an hour rate for tractor-trailer drivers and 88 cents an hour for regular drivers. The union also has demanded that four fringe issues involving working conditions be submitted to arbitration. The companies have rejected the fringe demands.

At the conclusion of yesterday's conference, Richard Goodrich, conciliator of the United States Conciliation Service, said that "the wrath of the public should be brought down upon both labor and management."

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Iran Premier Ready to Quit In Red Dispute

Foreign Office Says Soviet Representative Has Private Proposal

Tehran, Dec. 4 (AP)—Premier Hakim threatened today to resign unless the Azerbaijan Province dispute was settled by direct negotiation with Russia, and a foreign office spokesman later said a Soviet representative in Tehran had made a "private proposal" concerning the crisis in troubled northwest Iran.

The Soviet proposal was said to provide that the Russians would meet certain Iranian wishes if Iran treated the Azerbaijan question as a matter concerning only Iran and the Soviet Union.

The government charges Azerbaijan rebels have started a separatist movement. Moscow has refused an Iranian request to move troops into Azerbaijan, one of the northern areas occupied by Soviet forces.

Parliament members said Hakim's resignation undoubtedly would be followed by formation of an appeasement government headed by Premier Premier Ghassem Sultaneh, described as pro-Soviet.

A government spokesman said the new turn of events was influenced by the election of a council of nations in Azerbaijan which would establish a new government in the province on Thursday.

Formation of an Azerbaijan militia was reported to have started in that province.

(In Moscow, Tass dispatches said mass meetings were sweeping northern Iran, denouncing persecution of democratic organizations and urging closer Soviet-Iranian relations.)

Advisory Capacity
By the Associated Press
The State Department said yesterday that United States military missions now in Iran are serving in a strictly advisory capacity to the Iranian government and can remain there only for the duration of the war emergency.

Secretary of State Byrnes is preparing a statement along this line for Representative Mundt (R., Dak.) who wrote Byrnes demanding an explanation of what the missions are doing there.

Michael J. McDermott, State Department information officer, stressed that both Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf and Maj. Gen. Clarence S. Ridley are serving in advisory capacities only.

61 Hurt in Mill Blast
Fall River, Mass., Dec. 4 (AP)—A leaking gas line at the Peperell Manufacturing Co.'s "A" plant exploded today, injuring 61 persons and shattering more than 1000 windows in the vicinity of the cotton mill. Twenty-one persons were hospitalized.

Labor Opposition Grows, But—GM Strike May Be Settled By Direct Negotiations

By Alfred Friendly
Post Staff Writer
Labor opposition to President Truman's plan for disputes settlement machinery continued to grow yesterday. It appeared clear that the striking General Motors workers will reject the President's back-to-work request, but there were indications that the strike might be ended by direct negotiations.

Party Leader Foster has said that the fight to bring Americans back from China is "our key concentration."

He has accused Secretary Byrnes of backing up former Ambassador Patrick J. Hurley in the latter's support of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's government at Chungking.

The Soviet Union, on the record, also has pledged moral and material support to the Chungking government.

Chinese Unity Is U. S. Policy, Byrnes Says

Secretary of State Byrnes has informed Congress that this country seeks "by all appropriate means to pursue such policies and action as will best facilitate China's achievement of internal unity and stability."

In a letter to Representative Z. Anderson (R., Calif.), the Secretary gave this statement of American policy toward China:

"We favor the creation of a strong, united and democratic China which will contribute to peace and stability in the Far East and which will enable China effectively to support the United Nations Organization."

Anderson made the letter public yesterday and inserted it in the Congressional Record. He told the House he asked for the statement on Chinese policy because the recent resignation of Ambassador Patrick J. Hurley and congressional move to curb the President's authority to back Security Council "force" decisions with sanctions against aggressors was voted down.

House Approval Expected
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Forrestal Revamps High Command as Aviators Get Billets
By George Connery
Post Staff Writer
Legislation to more than double the peacetime strength of Navy and Marine Corps passed the House yesterday, while Secretary Forrestal announced a high command reorganization that gives aviation a dominant role.

House action was by voice vote without objection. It increases the enlisted strength of the peacetime Navy from a prewar total of 232,000 to half a million and provides for 40,000 officers. Marines will go from 46,000 (prewar) to 100,000, with 8000 officers.

Aviators Get Top Posts
In shifting emphasis to air officers, Forrestal said they will get major fleet commands as well as more important offices in Washington.

In addition to creating an air-conscious Navy, the reorganization is considered a move to continue a naval air service in event a separate Air Force is formed.

From the chief of naval operations down, aviators will share commands with surface officers. At the top an aviation officer will be in either No. 1 or No. 2 post.

Forrestal said: "The next officer in status to key aviation officers mentioned will be a nonaviator whereas, when a officer is a nonaviator, the officer next in status will be an aviator."

Ramsey Gets D. C. Post
Admiral John H. Towers, the Navy's foremost aviator, and Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, leader of the famed "Task Force 58," were mentioned specifically for new commands. Towers "eventually" will succeed Admiral Raymond Spruance as head of the Pacific Fleet. Mitscher, deputy chief of naval operations, will be in charge of the Navy's fleet.

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Bill Defining U. S. Charter Obligations Passed, 65-7

Curbs on President's Powers to Back Up Council's 'Force' Decisions Rejected

By Robert C. Albright
The Senate last night voted the new world league full power to carry out this Nation's obligations under the San Francisco Charter, subject only to instructions from the President.

The so-called United Nations bill passed the Senate by the overwhelming vote of 65 to 7. Every move to curb the President's authority to back Security Council "force" decisions with sanctions against aggressors was voted down.

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Near Freezing Today, Snow Is In Prospect
Today's weather recipe: Near-freezing temperatures liberally garnished with snow or rain.

The Weather Bureau said yesterday that rain would begin during the night, later becoming mixed with snow. Today will be windy and cold with rain or snow in the morning. The skies will probably clear in the late afternoon or evening.

Nationally, Old Man Winter was making his first big noise of the season. A howling winter storm that swept across the deep South yesterday brought snow to Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana. It was expected that subfreezing temperatures would grip the South in the wake of the storm for at least two days, with the cold wave extending deep into Florida.

More snow was predicted for New England today. New England and New York are already blanketed with snow as a result of last week's northeaster.

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Meany Raps Russia, Calls for Showdown

Spouse Testifies Mansfeldt Intimate With Wife's Friend

San Francisco, Dec. 4 (AP).—Mrs. Anne Irene Mansfeldt, testifying in her own defense in her trial for the slaying of Nurse Vada Martin, said today her husband, Dr. John Mansfeldt, was intimate with her own best friend in 1941.

"He promised me he would never give me cause to doubt him again," she sobbed.

Dr. Mansfeldt, prominent San Francisco physician, committed suicide by swallowing poison a few hours after Mrs. Mansfeldt shot and killed Mrs. Martin on October 4 because she believed the attractive nurse was having an affair with the doctor.

Won't Identify Friend

Mrs. Mansfeldt refused to identify her former friend for Assistant District Attorney Norman Elkington, saying, "You can count out all this testimony, but I will not tell the name."

The 46-year-old society matron told the jury that in July, 1941, her friend—whom she had nursed through a siege of tuberculosis—told her that her marriage to Dr. Mansfeldt was "going on the rocks."

"She said, 'John and I have been in love for years. He cares nothing for you,'" Mrs. Mansfeldt sobbed. "I told her to get out of my house and never come back."

Tried to Kill Self

"I went to John and told him about it. He said that when I first brought my friend to the house, he had not liked her, but I had insisted on having her there. She had offered herself to him on a silver platter. She had now become very demanding, asking him for everything from face powder to tires for her car. He was very tired of it. He asked me to forget and forgive, and promised he would never give me cause to doubt him again."

Only a short while before, Mrs. Mansfeldt said, she had attempted to kill herself in a fit of despondency by hanging herself in the bathroom of her home. The housekeeper found her unconscious and cut her down.

First Liberty Ship Is Rededicated By Mrs. Wallace

Baltimore, Dec. 4 (AP).—Mrs. Henry Wallace, wife of the Secretary of Commerce, today rededicated the S. S. Patrick Henry, first Liberty ship to be built in this country for World War II.

Mrs. Wallace, original sponsor for the ship, launched at the Bethlehem-Fairfield yard in September, 1941, presented a scroll recounting the vessel's wartime record.

Mrs. Wallace was accompanied by Mrs. Robert Jackson, wife of the Supreme Court Justice, Frank J. Taylor, president of the American Merchant Marine Institute, was master of ceremonies. Admiral Emory S. Land, United States Maritime Commission chairman, also attended.

Army Band Plans Concert Tonight

The Army Band under the direction of CWO Hugh J. Curry will present a concert tonight at 8 p. m. in the band auditorium, Ft. Myer, Va.

Soloist for the program is Keig Garvin, trombonist. The program also includes Dave Ross' "Dance of the Spanish Onion" and Jerome Kern's "All the Things You Are."

Alpha Sigma Unit To Mark Centennial

The Washington Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi will celebrate the centennial anniversary of the national college undergraduate fraternity at a dinner at 7 p. m. tomorrow at the Hamilton Hotel. Supreme Court Associate Justice Wiley Rutledge and Representative William Pittenger (R., Minn.), Howard Buffet (R., Neb.), and John M. Coffey (D., Wash.) will attend.

Sen. Kilgore to Speak At Science Meeting

Senator Harley M. Kilgore (D., W. Va.) will discuss "Science and Government" at a meeting sponsored jointly by the Naval Ordnance Laboratory Technical Reserve, Science Society of Washington and the American Association for the Advancement of Science at 8 p. m. today in the Department of Commerce Auditorium.

Goldbergs Returns To 40-hour Week Jan. 1

Employees of Goldenberg's department store will resume a 40-hour work week January 1, store officials announced yesterday. The new schedule, which excludes executives and department heads, will not apply during weeks prior to holidays such as Christmas and Easter.

Governor Hooks Owl

Baton Rouge, La.—Gov. James H. Davis, returning from a gathering at Bienville, La., stopped at a bayou and unlatched his fly rod from his automobile. He whipped the fly across the water several times. On the third toss the governor hooked an owl in the leg.

AFL Aide Sees Red Actions in Europe As Mockery to U. S.

George Meany, secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, lashed out last night at Soviet Russia for what he called her dictatorial actions in Europe and Eastern Asia.

Meany said activities by Russia have made a mockery of the promises of the United States while the war was being fought that the right of self-government would be accorded to all the liberated nations. He urged this country to lay its cards on the table and ask Russia to do the same.

Assails Appeasement

The AFL leader warned that "peace cannot be purchased by appeasement" and served notice that the American Federation of Labor will never bow to the doctrine that "we must not speak out frankly against the evils we see in the recent actions of Soviet Russia lest such utterances 'worsen relations' between our two countries."

"That is ridiculous nonsense," he said. Meanwhile, Senator James O. Eastland (D., Miss.) bluntly called for an economically strong Germany as a bulwark against Russia.

He told the Senate that Russia was a "predatory, aggressive nation." Communism, he said, soon would take control of all Germany unless the United States abandons its "sadistic" policy toward "this late enemy state."

He suggested a new program to permit the Germans to find "contentment in prosperity," and thus remain in the orbit of western civilization. Eastland cautioned that "there can be no permanent European recovery without German recovery."

In a 5,000-word speech, Eastland charged that the United States was starving the German people, and letting their industries be carried off. "It is continued much longer," Eastland said, "it will drive Germany into the arms of Communism."

Eastland recalled that Germany "has served both as neutralizing agent and as a barrier between the Oriental hordes and a Western civilization 2,000 years old."

The Senator offered four specific recommendations: 1. Repudiation of the doctrine of "collective guilt" of the German people.

2. The United States to demand that the "starvation rations" of the German people be increased, with a separate American relief machine to be set up.

3. Reunion of the four German zones under a central, non-Nazi civil administration.

4. End "scorched earth" reparations policies and set German peacetime industry in motion.

Meany's address was delivered at Harborside, Pa., at a dinner under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Council of Public Employees. The council's annual award "for the individual making the most outstanding contribution to the welfare of the workers" was presented to Meany.

"I think it is time our Government talked matters over plainly with the Russians and make it clear that we do not want to push them around or let them push us around," the AFL secretary-treasurer said.

"We want peace, but we don't want peace at the price of having commissars giving orders at the White House."

"If the Russians are sincere in their asserted desire for peace and world cooperation, they ought to welcome a frank and sincere talk along these lines."

Meany declared that it "would be an act of national hypocrisy" to pretend a lack of knowledge that "millions of people in eastern Europe are today victims of a dictatorial tyranny with all the old familiar trappings used by Hitler and his mob."

Same Of Story— Blanchard & Davis

St. Louis, Dec. 4 (AP).—Army's spectacular touchdown twins, Felix (Doc) Blanchard and Glenn (Junior) Davis, dominated balloting on the sporting news 1945 All-American football team, selected by a poll of 163 sports writers and sportscasters.

But so evenly matched were three candidates for the other two ball-carrying positions that for the first time the Sporting News named a five-man backfield. The selections: Robert Ravensberg, Indiana, left end; George Savitsky, Pennsylvania, left tackle; John Green, Army, left guard; Vaughn Mancha, Alabama, center; Warren Ambling, Ohio State, right guard; DeWitt Coulter, Army, right tackle; Richard Duden, Navy, right end; and backs Blanchard, Davis, Bob Ferrimore, Oklahoma A. and M., Harry Gilmer, Alabama, and Herman Wedemeyer, St. Mary's.

18-Year-Old Umpire Signed by Ohio Loop

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 4 (AP).—Henry P. McGowan of New York City, an 18-year-old who does not graduate from high school until next month, was signed today by the Ohio State League as an umpire for the 1946 season.

Signing of McGowan, who becomes the youngest umpire in professional baseball, was announced by League President Frank M. Colley. He was hired on the recommendation of Carl Hubbell of the New York Giants. Hubbell watched the youngster work a number of polo ground exhibition games.

Attend McVay Court Martial



Mrs. Charles B. McVay, wife of the shipper of the ill-fated cruiser Indianapolis, and Lieut. Joseph J. Waldron, former convoy routing officer at Guam, as they appeared yesterday at the court-martial of Captain McVay before a naval board. Lieutenant Waldron was the first witness called.

McVAY

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He testified that the ship's standard orders for night operation authorized the officer of the deck to sound zigzagging if he thought the ship in danger. Such action, he said, would have been "in compliance with the doctrine of the ship" and added that he believed "the captain would have been pleased with the officer of the deck if he had taken such action as was necessary."

Helped With Rescue

He said the night orders were those of the proceeding ship's commander, slightly modified by McVay.

The young officer, who said he was the senior surviving deck officer of the cruiser's complement, said he spent most of the 10 or 15 minutes the ship remained afloat helping with rescue work on the forecastle. He said he issued life jackets to members of the crew and attempted to place water on fire raging amidships until it was discovered the water system had failed.

He said he received no orders from the bridge except one: to put out a flashlight he was using in distributing the life jackets. He said a voice called from the bridge: "For God's sake put out that light. There are liable to be enemy submarines around here."

The ship's public address system was not used, McKissick testified. Although he heard no order to abandon ship, he said, he could not say none had been given. He was far forward, he explained, and "very busy."

Order Not Unusual

McKissick testified that he had seen a dispatch posted on the bridge which reported a submarine contact 75 to 100 miles south of the ship's course and 200 to 250 miles ahead. He said he was "not alarmed at the reported proximity of an enemy submarine and did not think the order to cease zigzagging at dark 'unusual'."

The officer, who is the only member of the ship's complement to testify so far in the court-martial, said visibility when he went off watch about two hours before the sinking was "fair." There was some moonlight, he said, but at times the moon was obscured by clouds and visibility was reduced to zero. When he was swimming away from the ship after going overboard he said he could see her "fairly well" just before she went down.

He said he did not know what caused the two explosions which tore away the ship's starboard side near the bow.

Copy of Orders Identified
Lieut. Joseph J. Waldron, USNR, who was assigned to the naval operating base at Guam last July, identified a copy of the cruiser's sailing orders dated July 27 and signed by Lieut. J. H. Janney, her navigator. These orders directed the ship to make an average speed of 15.7 knots. An intelligence annex to the order reported an enemy submarine contacted near the cruiser's projected course July 22, a periscope sighted in the general area July 25 and a "doubtful" contact by sound July 25. Waldron said the ship sailed from Guam for Leyte the morning of July 28.

Under cross-examination he said

the route to be followed was "standard," and that ships of the size and speed of the Indianapolis were not ordinarily escorted unless an escort was already at Guam prepared to sail over the same route. He said that in order to maintain an average speed of 15.7 knots, the ship would normally run at better than 16 knots.

Guam a "Rear Area"

Waldron said that although there was "no route in the Pacific that could be deemed perfectly safe," officers at Guam considered themselves to be in a rear area. He said the question of an escort for the Indianapolis was taken up with port authorities at Guam, but was advised an escort was not needed.

The ship's route from Guam to the spot where she went down was plotted on a chart with relation to reported submarine contacts by Lieut. Comdr. Alan R. McFarland, USN, a destroyer commander. His plot showed that the submarine contacted July 22 could have been on the cruiser's route by July 24 and the two contacted July 25 could have been on her route by July 27, the day before she sailed.

Gerald Clarence, director of the Nautical Almanac Office, testified that the moon rose the night of July 29 at 10:30 p. m. at the spot where the Indianapolis was sunk. He said his phase was about two days before the last quarter, and that it would reflect about one-fourth as much light as a full moon.

Copy of Letter Admitted

A copy of a letter purportedly written by McVay to Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal regarding the sinking of his ship was identified by Lieut. Michael J. Barrett, USNR, who said he was custodian of secret and confidential files for the Secretary and the Chief of Naval Operations. He said the original of the letter had not been located and that the copy he identified was found attached to the report of the Navy Board of Inquiry which investigated the sinking.

Capt. John P. Cady, USN, counsel for McVay, agreed to admit the copy into the record without conceding it to be an actual copy of a letter by McVay. It gave the cruiser's speed at the time she was hit as 17 knots by engine revolutions and said there was intermittent moonlight "at which times visibility was unlimited."

Capt. Thomas J. Ryan, Jr., USN, judge advocate, introduced into the record extracts from Navy regulations which instructed ships' captains to zigzag during daylight in dangerous waters. Recent Pacific area instructions, in force at the time of the disaster, established the policy that unescorted ships of over 10 knots' speed "zigzag day and night except in heavy weather."

The court-martial will be resumed at 10 a. m. today at the Navy Yard.

Help For Ill Urged

New Orleans—Dr. O. P. Daly, director of mammoth Charity Hospital here, has urged that more medical facilities for the mentally and chronically ill, and the old who are financially and physically unable to care for themselves, be constructed.

Engineers Reach Goal in Bond Drive

Post Staff Photo

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED—

Lieut. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, Army Chief of Engineers, pulls a miniature jeep across the goal after receiving a report that his office had gone over the top in its bond campaign.

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"In line with this policy, we deem it desirable and essential that China solve her internal problems. While we recognize that this is a task which China must carry out largely through her own efforts, we seek by all appropriate and practicable means to pursue such policies and action as will best facilitate China's achievement of internal unity and stability."

"Among the means toward this end, we propose, with due regard for the realities of the international situation in China, to assist China to rehabilitate her devastated economy and to develop a higher standard of living for her masses."

Necessary to Peace

"We seek to enhance China's international status, as evidenced by the recognition accorded to China in connection with the San Francisco Conference. We feel that collaboration among China, the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union is essential to the maintenance of peace and security in the Far East; and that such collaboration among these and other peace-loving nations should extend to all legitimate fields of economic and other endeavor on the basis of equality of opportunity and respect for national sovereignty. We hope that China, for her part, will further such collaboration by instituting and carrying out reasonable policies that lie before her."

"During the course of the war it was our policy to assist our Chinese allies to the greatest possible extent in the joint prosecution of hostilities against Japan. Such assistance took the form of credits, the grant of civilian and military lend-lease supplies, the training and equipping of a limited number of Chinese military units, the utilization in China of our air forces, and other related activities. Since the capitulation of Japan we have been assisting our Chinese allies in effecting the surrender, disarmament and repatriation of the very substantial Japanese armed forces who are now in China."

"I trust that the foregoing brief comments will indicate to you the broad lines of our policy with respect to China and will enable you to reply to inquiries which you may have received from your constituents."

Sam Pearce to Lecture On 'The Winter's Tale'

Sam Pearce, a lecturer on Shakespearean drama, will speak at a joint presentation of the D. C. Recreation Department, the Washington Shakespeare Society and the Readers Club at Thomson Community Center, 12th and L sts. n.w., tonight at 8:15.

Pearce, who has appeared as guest speaker for the Shakespearean productions of Maurice Evans, will lecture on the play, "The Winter's Tale."

40-Hour Week Adopted By Colonial Airlines

Colonial Airlines has adopted a 40-hour week effective January 1 for all employees except executives and pilots. It was announced yesterday. The 40-hour week and expansion plans will provide jobs for hundreds of returning veterans.

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over the possibility of war between the United States and Japan.

The message read in part: "You are advised that the Japanese are strongly reinforcing their garrisons and naval forces in a manner which indicates they are preparing this region as quickly as possible against a possible attack on them by United States forces."

"However, I am more particularly concerned over increasing opposition of Japanese leaders and by current southward troop movements from Shanghai and Japan to the Formosa area. Preparations are becoming apparent in China, Formosa and Indo China for an early aggressive movement of some character although as yet there are no clear indications as to its strength or whether it will be directed against the Burma Road, Thailand, Malay Peninsula, Netherlands East Indies or the Philippines."

"Advance against Thailand seems the most probable. I consider it possible that this next Japanese aggressive move might cause an outbreak of hostilities between the United States and Japan."

"I desire that after further informing yourself as to the situation and the general outlines of naval and military plans through consultation with Admiral Hart and General MacArthur, you shall in great confidence present in views to the President of the Philippine Commonwealth and inform him that as always I am relying upon the full cooperation of his government and his people."

"Please impress upon him the desirability of avoiding public pronouncement or action since that might make the situation more difficult."

Never Heard of Message

This was the first time he had seen or heard of this message, Miles testified. Neither had he known before the hearing, he said, of a message from Admiral Harold R. Stark, commander in chief of the fleet, to Admiral Thomas C. Hart, then commander of the Asiatic Fleet, conveying the late President's order to have three small vessels patrol the Pacific waters.

Miles said that although he was the head of Army Intelligence, "there was a great deal of information on the higher level which I did not get."

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ment, but the American Communists, for reasons best known to themselves, give their sympathy to the Chinese Communist regime at Yenan.

This is not new. The Communist program in early 1941, before Germany invaded Russia, had these points:

Genuine aid to democratic China. Collaboration with China and the USSR for an honest peace policy in the Far East.

An immediate end to Yankee imperialism in the Far East.

Miss Searle, who has been directing the Communist picketing of the State Department, ordered that maneuver after Party Leader Foster had accused Secretary Byrnes of making "provocative anti-Soviet demands in the Balkans," of excluding Britain, China and Russia from control of Japan, and of breaking up the London Conference of Foreign Ministers by his policy of "getting tough" with the Soviet Union.

Foster said that Byrnes' support of General Hurley in China was "part and parcel of the policy of militant American imperialism that Byrnes is applying all over the world."

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by name, have insisted both sides would agree to a settlement within 10 days or two weeks.

There were signs yesterday that the United Auto Workers would reject the President's proposal. John W. Anderson, chairman of the union's veterans' committee, assailed the plan in Detroit. He said the proposed fact-finding boards would continue "the wartime practice of denying the workers their just demands through an agency set up by the Government."

Thomas Opposes Plan

In Washington, the union's president, R. J. Thomas, inferentially opposed the plan. Speaking before a group on Congressmen on other pending legislation where the topic of the fact-finding plan was not mentioned, apparently by design, Thomas nevertheless asked for a cooling-off period for "all" labor legislation.

He repeatedly pointed out that the union had "cooled off" for 97 days since negotiations with the company began. His reference was presumably to the 30-day cooling-off period provided in Mr. Truman's settlement plan.

The decision of the automobile workers will be made by the individual locals, to whom the question will be presented at a mass meeting in Detroit on Saturday. One Detroit local, however, already has passed a resolution not to go back to work, and the union's strike committee also rejected the suggestion. Leaders of powerful locals in Flint, Mich., said there was every indication the move would be opposed by the majority of the area's workers.

The United Mine Workers went on record yesterday in outright opposition to the proposed legislation. In a statement on the plan, the UMW said that it was an indirect attempt to "serve big business" and that it was a "foolish bill to re-empower and straighten industrial relations."

The AFL announced its opposition to the idea only a few hours after the President sent his message to Congress on Monday.

On Capitol Hill, Acting Chairman Rampeck (D., Ga.) of the House Labor Committee told reporters a bill embodying the Truman request will be introduced today. Hearings, he said, will be held at a minimum, with witnesses to appear for organized labor, the National Association of Manufacturers, the Chamber of Commerce and Legislation Considered.

The House Military Committee had considered taking new labor legislation on to a pending bill revising the Smith-Connally Labor Disputes Act, but Rampeck said he understood the military group would defer action "for about a week in order to allow our committee to act."

Members of the Military Committee said they would "take the bill" if the other committee does not act quickly.

"I believe we can have a bill ready by the end of next week and get it through the House by Christmas as the President requested in his message," Rampeck said.

Opera Company To Give Comedy

The Columbia Light Opera Company, will be seen in "Hit the Deck," a musical comedy, tonight through Saturday night, this week, at Roosevelt Auditorium, 13th and Allison sts. n.w. This will be the second of a series of shows on the District Recreation Department's program for the 1945-46 season.

Certain each night 8:30. Listed in the lead roles are Connie Krueger as "Loo-Loo" and Paul Snyder as "Bilge Smith." A company of 70, including a chorus of 46, will appear under direction of Miss Ethel Manning. Tickets are available in the daytime at the Columbia downtown box office, 1001 K st

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U.S. Asks Why Nazi Agents Linger On In Argentina

Buenos Aires, Dec. 4 (AP).—United States Charge d'Affaires John M. Cabot has visited the Argentine interior ministry to investigate the failure of seven German agents, ordered deported, to sail for Germany, diplomatic quarters reported today.

Originally the interior ministry ordered all enemy agents expelled. Four of these were exempted later as non-Germans, and Argentine authorities then reported that of the remaining seven, one had escaped, one was dying and one could not be deported because he faced charges in connection with a \$22,500 robbery.

When the time came last Saturday to put the remaining four aboard the United States freighter Red Jacket, informants said, an order arrived canceling the deportation because they had applied for writs of habeas corpus.

The 11 men were among 71 German agents held by Argentine whom the United States and Britain have been trying to get deported.

The Socialist newspaper Vanguardia reported under the heading "Nazi Germans Are Well Protected," that all members of a board named to liquidate enemy property resigned, mainly because the Foreign Office refused to push a case against Richard Staudt, well-known German agent.

Staudt's holdings in this country are valued at between 10 and 15 million dollars, represented in six major companies and a number of smaller concerns dealing in exports of wool and imports of machinery. He also owns several farms. He was decorated by Hitler in 1941 with the Order of the Eagle "for his contribution to the German cause in Argentina."

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PAZO FOR PILES

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Floating of Big Loan To Britain May Be Concluded This Week

The United States has signed an agreement to provide France 550 million dollars in credit, it was announced officially yesterday.

The announcement was made jointly by French Ambassador Henri Bonnet and by the Washington Export-Import Bank, which will provide the loan.

The credits will finance purchase in this country of materials which had been approved for transfer to the French government under lend-lease but had not yet been contracted for on V-J day when lend-lease was ended, the announcement said.

Carrying an interest rate of 2% per cent the loan is repayable over a period of 30 years.

The interest rate and maturity were identical with that provided under the French lend-lease agreement signed last February 28. To become valid, the loan agreement must be ratified by the French Assembly, the announcement said.

Under the agreement, the French Supply Council will make the purchases through American private trade channels.

When the French government so requests, the Export-Import Bank can make advances under the credit directly to American suppliers in payment for products, or to American commercial banks which have made payment for products on instructions of the French government.

Meanwhile, a British spokesman said yesterday that "some substantial points of disagreement" still existed between Anglo-American negotiators discussing a multi-billion dollar loan for Britain.

The informant said further contact with London would be necessary but that "this does not rule out the possibility of agreement this week."

He said the British delegates were constantly exchanging views with the Labor government in an attempt to iron out the remaining differences with the American side.

Top-ranking American and British officials resumed their conversations yesterday in the Treasury Department.

Although both sides remained silent about points of continued disagreement, they were believed to center about the size of the loan and the extent to which Britain can relax her exchange controls.

A loan of from \$3,500,000,000 to four billion dollars has been most frequently mentioned in the final stages of conversations.

Two Divorces End Tangled Marital Scrap

A spicy mixed double—and this isn't tennis talk, friends—ended yesterday in District Court David Biondi, 29, and Mrs. Lorraine Greer, 24, losing in straight no-fault suits.

In cold language, Justice F. Dickinson Letts awarded Mrs. Dorothy M. Biondi, 28, and Capt. Richard Greer, 27, absolute divorces on grounds of adultery.

Mixed doubles are supposed to involve only four persons. This one was unique in that it had a fifth player, Miss Virginia Bailey, 26.

Yanks Smash Jap Atom-Smasher



END OF A CYCLOTRON—Working with a cutting torch, members of the Army's 1896th Engineer Aviation Battalion dismantle Japanese atomic research equipment at the Nishina Laboratory in Tokyo. Twin pipes at upper left are "atom guns."

Rubber Plants Using Alcohol Will be Closed

By Sterling F. Green
Associated Press Staff Writer
The country can get from oil all the synthetic rubber it needs, officials announced yesterday, so \$117,000,000 wartime plants to make it from grain alcohol are being closed.

Oil versus grain as a source of butadiene, from which rubber is made, was a prime controversy early in the war. Farm state congressmen and agriculture groups urged the alcohol project to promote the use of grain.

G. B. Hadlock, associate director of the Office of Rubber Reserve, told reporters that the reason for abandoning alcohol in favor of petroleum as a butadiene source "is purely dollars and cents."

"Our cost of butadiene this year," he said, "was about 40 cents a pound from alcohol, compared with 8 to 10 cents a pound from petroleum. That made the cost of alcohol synthetic rubber around 24 1/2 cents a pound, compared with 12 or 13 cent rubber from the petroleum butadiene plants on the Gulf Coast."

Economy Ordered
"We have a directive from the Office of Reconversion telling us to run synthetic rubber production on an efficient and economical basis in the best interests of the government."

"We construe that to mean that we run it on a business-like basis." Agricultural groups and farm-state members of Congress have fought the curtailment of alcohol usage, since it provides a large outlet for grain which, under present plans to continue synthetic rubber output in peacetime might last indefinitely.

Short of Government subsidies, however, there appears no way to make the alcohol plants economically feasible, Hadlock said, and Rubber Reserve, an RFC subsidiary which supervises the synthetic operations, has no authority to subsidize.

The Government-owned plants to make butadiene from alcohol which are being closed are at Institute, W. Va., Kobuta, Pa., and Louisville, Ky., the latter already closed. They will be kept in "stand-by" condition, however, in case of emergency. The plants at Institute and Louisville which actually make rubber from butadiene will continue in operation indefinitely.

Two Others to Close
The Government also is closing styrene plants at Kobuta and Institute which cost about \$29,400,000. Styrene is the other main ingredient of synthetic rubber.

Three refineries which were re-equipped to make butadiene from petroleum at the height of the rubber crisis at a cost of \$8,300,000 each are being closed because of high cost of operation. They are Humble Oil & Refining Co. plant at Ingleside, Tex., already closed; and the Taylor Refining Co. plant at Corpus Christi, Tex., and the Lion Oil Co. plant at El Dorado, Ark., both in process of closing.

The converted plants contributed only a small part of the national butadiene output, about 13,000 tons annually. The Government will restore them to condition for oil refining.

The three big alcohol plants, operators for the Government, construction cost and rated capacity are: Institute—Carbide & Carbon Chemicals Corp., 39 million dollars; capacity, 80,000 tons a year; Kobuta—Koppers Co., Inc., \$42,500; capacity, 80,000 tons a year; Louisville—Carbide & Carbon Chemicals Corp., \$35,500,000; capacity, 80,000 tons a year.

Hadlock said that petroleum plants could produce enough butadiene to make 800,000 tons of general annually. The estimated need for the next year (GRS) synthetic rubber is 12 months is put at 550,000 tons, since the Government now estimates that 300,000 tons of natural rubber will come in from liberated and other areas. In addition, butadiene stockpiles are ample.

U. S. to Import Food to Raise German Ration

Stuttgart, Germany, Dec. 4 (AP).—The United States will import food into Germany to raise the German food ration effective January 1. Lieut. Gen. Lucius D. Clay said today in declaring that "hunger and starvation have never been the United States' objective."

The foodstuffs, to be paid for when "Germany is able to pay," would be sufficient to increase the daily average ration of Germans in the United States occupation zone to 1550 calories, Clay, deputy American military governor for Germany, told a meeting of the German Council of State Ministers yesterday.

Last October 15, the United States Military Government set the average German civilian ration at 1345 calories.

Other developments:
Publication by the Allied Control Council in Berlin of new laws outlawing military education and giving the council legal title to the 300 plants and other assets of the I. G. Farben Trust, Germany's greatest war production combine.

Agreement was reported among the four occupying powers on a unified denazification policy, designed to blunt growing German attempts to play one of the powers against another by spreading rumors of lax treatment in other zones.

Brig. Gen. William Draper, chief of the American military government's Economic Division, told a meeting of German finance officials that the "economic future of Germany must be solved by the Germans themselves."

Transportation still stands out as the major problem, he said in disclosing that from five to six million tons of coal were above ground in the Ruhr that could not be moved because of rolling stock shortages.

Clay announced that the control of railroads in the American zone, would be turned over to the military government January 1.

The law giving the Allied Control Council title to the I. G. Farben properties creates a special committee composed of the commanders of the four occupation zones to serve as a Farben control group.

The council said it had found the Farben trust guilty of "knowingly engaging in building up an maintaining the German war potential," and declared the law had been enacted to "insure that Germany will never again threaten her neighbors or the peace of the world."

17 Indicted By U. S. Jury At Alexandria

True bills were returned against 17 persons by a grand jury in the United States District Court for the eastern district of Virginia at Alexandria yesterday. The December term of court was opened by Judge Sterling Hutcheson of Norfolk.

Eight Federal prisoners were charged with escape from institutions in Virginia and indicted, as follows: Frank Williams, George R. Wilson, Paul J. Popek, Raymond B. Keefe, William R. Otley, Lloyd C. Clark, Earl Childress and Waldron Cherry.

Other indictments included: Leon S. Day, altering a government check; Wilbert Gordon Scott, theft of government property; Robert Joseph Nelson and Walter Charles Thomas, violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; Andrew William Johnson, theft of government property.

George Alfred Mayo, violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; Thomas Alvin Saunders and Stanley Albion Reid, violation of the Selective Service Act, and Harold Jackson Jones, theft of property on a government reservation.

Rosa F. Hunt of 807 Russell rd., Alexandria, served as foreman of the 20-man grand jury, which included Eugene Allen of Warrenton, Joseph F. Arnold of Leesburg, John Boldridge of Stevensburg, Arthur M. Bolling, William Herbert and Runyon W. Tindell of Alexandria, L. F. Bowersett of the Plains, L. D. Dulmus and E. Murphy Hoffman of Culpeper.

Jesse Johnson, Lawrence Michael, L. C. Smith and A. B. Vaughan of Arlington, Lemuel B. Morris of Vienna, Joseph W. Murphy of Herndon, W. D. Neale of Bealeton, Joseph Lee Nichols of Purcellville, Edmund B. Roland of Haymarket, and W. L. Watson of Fairfax County.

Trucker Dies at Wheel, Rider Averts Crash

Frysburg, Md., Dec. 4 (AP).—Christian Yommer, 63, Jennings, Garrett County, lumberman, died of a heart attack while driving a truck about 3 miles northwest of here yesterday.

A possible crash was prevented when Edward Wiseman, who was riding with Yommer, pulled the emergency brake and guided the truck to the side of the road.

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'Naked Aggression' Nazis Wince Under Charge Of Britain

Nuernberg, Dec. 4 (AP).—The 20 Nazi leaders on trial must bear full responsibility for Germany's greatest wrong, the crime against peace, Britain's Attorney General Sir Hartley Shawcross told the International Military Tribunal today.

In a five-hour presentation of the British case, Shawcross accused the defendants of plotting Germany into "naked and unashamed" aggression, and declared he was determined to prove that persons who do this "do so with a halter around their necks."

The one-time masters of Europe, described by Shawcross as "murderers, robbers and frauds," squirmed under the weight of evidence as the British prosecutor traced step by step the German course of broken treaties, violated frontiers and ultimate carnage, which he said resulted from their cynical disregard for established international law.

Were No Mere Tools
"These men were no mere tools," Shawcross declared. "They are the men whose support built Hitler up into the position of power he occupied. They are the men whose initiation and planning perhaps conceived and certainly made possible the acts of aggression made in Hitler's name."

He said he intended to prove "that the waging of an aggressive war is not only a dangerous venture but a criminal one" and that he would do so by applying the "law of nations," which branded aggression as "an international crime before this tribunal was established."

He emphasized particularly the Kellogg-Briand Pact signed in Paris in 1928, pointing out that this agreement outlawing war as an instrument of national policy was never denounced by the Nazis and hence still stands as accepted international law.

"The Pact of Paris is the law of nations," he declared. "This tribunal will enforce it."

By this line of approach, Shawcross evidently sought to destroy one of the principal defense arguments—that the tribunal must apply retroactive justice to find the defendants guilty.

Shawcross' address, concluded only a few minutes before adjournment of today's session, dealt with count 2 of the indictment—crimes against the peace.

The United States has already presented most of the evidence on count 1, that the Nazis engaged in a conspiracy to wage aggressive war. The two remaining counts, charging war crimes and crimes against humanity, are to be prosecuted jointly by Russia and France.

Customs Aides Empty Gift Box From Japan

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 4 (AP).—A big wooden box with the top securely nailed down arrived here from Japan and the mother and daughter of the house worked half an hour with hammer and chisel to pry it open.

All the box contained was a note from the U. S. Customs Office: "Removed—one Japanese machine-gun."

70 Warplanes Seized From China Reds

Chungking, Dec. 4 (AP).—Rumors of a Chinese Communist air force in northern Manchuria and charges of mass conscription for Nationalist forces kept the threat of renewed civil war alive in China today.

Lieut. Gen. Tu Yu-ming's Nationalist troops seized 70 former Japanese planes in a surprise raid yesterday on a Communist air-drome near Chinsien, 130 miles northwest of Mukden, Associated Press Correspondent Olen Clements reported. He said all were in operating condition. Rumors from Harbin said Communists had more planes and were ready to use them against Tu's forces.

Advance elements of Tu's armies were 30 miles from Mukden, waiting a go-ahead signal from Russian forces before moving into the capital.

Chinese press dispatches said Gen. Chang Hsu-shih had already moved into the city with his independent army and was waiting to welcome Tu. Chang is the brother of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, who once kidnapped Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Communist quarters in Chungking charged the Nationalists were carrying out large scale conscription in six North China provinces to increase their forces for civil war.

The same sources asserted Nationalist armies reinforced Tatung, North Shanxi railway junction, to collaborate with "Japanese and puppets" in an attack on Communist-held areas.

Beauty Contest Winner Named at M. W. College

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 4 (SPL).—Brown-haired, hazel-eyed Sarah Armstrong, a sophomore from Leesburg, Fla., was chosen as the prettiest student at Mary Washington College in the school's annual beauty contest last night. Thirty-four girls, each representing a campus organization, participated in the contest. Second honors went to Marjorie Batty, of Norfolk, another sophomore.

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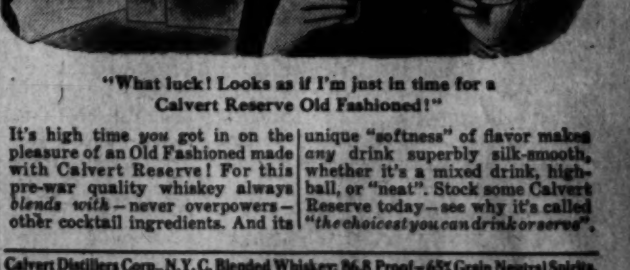
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Thunder From The Left

President Truman is now faced with powerful pressure for the ouster of his Secretary of State at the hands of the Communist Party of the District of Columbia. On Monday, no fewer than four party pickets paraded in front of the State Department from noon until 1 p. m. carrying placards with the unequivocal demand blazoned upon them: "Hurley Out—Byrnes Must Go Too." Apparently the local party members are not fooling; they mean what they say. And it would be folly to assume that these four pickets represent their entire membership in the District. Although exact data respecting the numerical strength of the local party are not now available, there can be little doubt that it runs well up into two figures.

Those who fear that this action of the District organization was guided by the long hand of the Kremlin can find reassurance in a statement issued by Chairman Elizabeth Searle. It is merely, she declared forthrightly, "the first independent action taken by an aggressive, rejuvenated party since V-J Day." What will be the reaction in Moscow to this independence, she shudder even to imagine. The hierarchy can scarcely have bargained for so aggressive a rejuvenation over here. Perhaps, like Frankenstein, they now find themselves helpless in the hands of the monster they created. For, mark this well, the District organization does not stand alone. "Our picketing," said Chairman Searle, "is in line with the National Party's aim to correct faults in policy which characterized the passivity of the Browder regime. Browder's leadership was repudiated at our July conference."

Thus the situation here may have the gravest international as well as domestic repercussions. Secretary Byrnes has only to look at what happened to General Hurley to see the handwriting on the wall so far as he personally is concerned. Far more ominous, however, is the threat to discipline within the Communist. In the bright lexicon of the party, the term "independence" is but a euphemism for rebellion. One cannot ignore the stark implications of Chairman Searle's assertion that this is only "the first independent action." Evidently more of this sort of independence lies ahead. Whither are we drifting? Where will all this end? It may be that before long the Soviet chieftains, their authority undermined and uprooted, will be taking their line from the Communist Party, USA. All hail the Revolution!

Divided Control

The recent election in Austria, the freest in many years, has made possible the establishment of a regime that will be truly representative of the popular will. For that reason alone it is incumbent upon the Allies to relax, and, so far as possible, do away with the separate controls they have hitherto exercised on the territory of the little Danubian republic. The arrangement under which there are four separate occupation zones has never made much sense. It is time to centralize administration in the Allied Control Commission.

A further step in the direction of modifying the present arrangement is proposed by the British government in a note to Russia, France and the United States. The British plan is that all four occupying powers should substantially reduce their armies in Austria and at the same time proclaim that, pending a final delimitation of frontiers, the frontiers of 1937 are the frontiers of Austria. In that way the oppressive burden of maintaining foreign contingents far greater than the disrupted economy of that nation can bear would be cut down. At the same time any threats to Austria's security would be obviated. In this way a settlement that borders on lunacy would be made more manageable.

In 1943 the Allies made it clear that they did not propose to put Austria in the same category as Germany. The fact that they have permitted the Austrian people to set up a government of their own and more recently to hold a national election shows some progress in the direction of carrying out that policy. But a great deal still remains to be done before the full implications of the Moscow pledge are put into practice. The sooner the restrictions on Austria's freedom are relaxed, the sooner the four zones are united into one, with the present armies of occupation cut down to the size

of police forces, the sooner Austria can return to something resembling normalcy. And it is in the interest of all four powers that this be done.

Chosen Instrument

Pan American's decision to revert to the \$375 rate for a transatlantic air crossing has ended the Anglo-American squabble over passenger fares. But it has yielded something that Pan American no doubt anticipated. It has led to and given plausible excuse for an attempt in Congress to revive the corpse of a chosen instrument for all civilian air operations outside of the United States. The attempt is made in a new bill introduced by Senator McCarran. The bill would set up a single, Government-supported international air transport company. All domestic air lines would be asked to create the "chosen instrument." In addition, participation would be permitted to steamship companies and railroads.

The other name for a chosen instrument is monopoly. Senator McCarran, of course, does not use the word. But he does use another word of equally noxious import by way of describing the situation which, he asserts, an air monopoly would combat. The word is cartel. He says that by permitting a competitive service over the Atlantic, we shall force these lines to become the "unwilling participants in a shotgun wedding with foreign cartels." He does not explain how. The implication is that our Government, which is the regulator of the new air services, would be asleep. But, even without the watchful eye of the Government, there would be no such danger as the Senator makes out. Competition between our own air lines is the surest guaranty we have against any restrictive private arrangements with foreigners, for competitors are apt to keep an eye on one another. Nor is it at all likely that foreign governments would divide and conquer the American operators. The basic policy in our economic foreign relations is equality of treatment, and any attempt to play favorites would immediately bring to bear upon the government concerned the full weight of our diplomacy. However, there is no danger of any such effort on the part of foreign governments. Governments abroad are not interested in extending special favors to American lines which are in competition with their own lines. They will give favors, but only on the basis of reciprocity.

A competitive air service has now started across the Atlantic. Two companies have been given licenses to fly to London, Pan American and the American Overseas. A British service will get under way as soon as the British have completed their own arrangements. The possibilities are immense, and these possibilities will be brought nearer to realization by competition. This is the history of all new enterprise. Could we have had the tremendous expansion in automobiling if the Government at the start had given Mr. Ford a monopoly for manufacture? Obviously not. A motor car would still be a luxury, it would not be the finished product it is today. What would have happened to automobiling in monopoly conditions would happen to transatlantic flying in the same conditions.

It is for this reason that the McCarran plea for a monopoly in transatlantic service is not likely to change the existing situation. Competition and nothing but competition will develop air transport, make it safer, more comfortable and speedier and enable it to become the servant of more and more people. This we have insisted upon since the argument over the chosen instrument began. That issue is now closed. By seeking to open it, Senator McCarran stands forth as an advocate of contraction of air transport. He would be better advised to back the effort of our Government to bring about expansion. This can be done not only by encouraging competition but also by backing the Government in persuading other governments to liberalize their air transport policies. Rates and schedules require definitive agreements with other countries, and these agreements cannot be avoided because these other countries own the ports of entry for our air lines. We can't fly "any place, any time."

No Time For Politics

Europe's children are unlikely to read the pages of the Congressional Record to learn the loftiness of intent with which some members of Congress espouse the principle of freedom of the press. But they will know about that espousal all the same. They will know about it, if it should prevail when the House of Representatives acts tomorrow on the UNRRA authorization bill, through the twisting pain of hunger and disease which the great principle will inflict upon their infant bodies. They will know; and we at home will have won the dubious right to read about their agony.

These children of Europe, liberated by our armies and by the armies of our allies, desperately need the \$1,350,000,000 contribution from the United States which UNRRA is now asking Congress to authorize. They need this contribution because UNRRA's funds, including even the 550-million-dollar appropriation still awaiting final congressional approval, will be exhausted by the end of this year. If UNRRA's flow of supplies to the needy is to continue without interruption, the new contribution must be authorized, and an adequate appropriation of money must be made before the first of the year—indeed, before Congress goes into recess, as it plans, for a Christmas holiday. UNRRA must have these fresh funds if it is to place orders for food and other supplies to be delivered throughout the hard winter that lies ahead.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee has recommended passage of the UNRRA authorization bill—without the attachment of any shackling amendments. But the bloc of Republican Congressmen who tried to tie

their so-called "free press" rider onto the 550-million-dollar appropriation now threaten to do the same in connection with the new authorization. This rider would prohibit the use of American funds in any country which maintained any barriers to free reporting by American newspapermen. It is, as we have said before, a provision which is administratively altogether unworkable. And what is worse, it would impose a special condition upon our participation in an international undertaking—a political condition to which the recipient nations could not in self-respect accede and which would invite the 46 other participating nations to impose all sorts of crippling special conditions of their own.

The effect of this amendment, if it prevailed, let us make no mistake about it, would be to prevent the delivery of relief to the people who need it most. Even an unsuccessful attempt to attach this amendment to the bill could have disastrous consequences. For the amendment must be fought; and if it should delay the granting of funds to UNRRA beyond the first of the year, it would be paid for in suffering and in human life. The Republicans who choose to make a party issue out of this spurious defense of press freedom will be engaged in the ugliest form of politics. Democrats who support them will share in the contempt which Americans cannot fail to feel for so heartless an action. None of us, in or out of Congress, will be able to find much cheer in the Christmas season if we default in our responsibilities to our fellow human beings overseas.

Warned-Over Pork

The resignation threat of Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, acting Surgeon General of the Veterans' Administration, will come as a healthy jolt to Congress. He has threatened to resign if Congress insists on placing veterans' hospitals in areas which are politically instead of medically strategic. The letter that General Hawley has written to Representative legislation, is straight from the shoulder. "I, for one," he says, "will not experiment with the medical care of the veteran. Either he gets the quality of medical care that he deserves, or I quit—and quit at once."

We cannot believe that there is any disagreement as to what is the "quality of medical care that our veteran deserves." Only the best of twentieth century medical personnel and equipment is good enough for the men and women who were physically or mentally incapacitated while fighting in our behalf. Where disagreement exists is in how to achieve this end. Certain members of Congress believe in the perpetuation of the old pork-barrel system in the location of hospitals. We have already specified Senator Elmer Thomas, but there are others, and many of them. Since veterans have always been cared for in hospitals located according to political patronage, why shouldn't they continue to be?

Against this vicious system, or lack of it, Gen. Omar Bradley, head of V. A., is making war. He and Major General Hawley are convinced that politics-as-usual in the placement of veterans' hospitals will result in nothing less than death or continued disability to those of their patients—some 20 per cent—whose injuries can be aided only by specialists and special equipment. These specialists are to be found only in urban areas where medical schools and medical centers exist. As Major General Hawley says, "these fine specialists will not even consider coming into the V. A. on a full-time basis; and it is folly even to consider such a solution. But they will give liberally of part-time service—if only we take the veteran to them."

This, it seems to us, is the core of the situation. Mahomet must be brought to the mountain, because it is impossible for the mountain to go to Mahomet. The need is crucial. We now have five times as many veterans as we did before the war. The V. A. has now on loan from the armed services 2327 doctors, making up 74 per cent of their total; nevertheless, it is operating with a deficit of one third of the doctors required. Moreover, by far the majority of these doctors will leave the V. A. when they receive their discharges from the armed services. The situation as to other types of medical personnel is worse. Only by action of Congress in backing up General Bradley and Hawley, therefore, can a crisis in V. A. medical service be averted. Every American who feels indebted to the veteran should make Bradley's fight his fight in seeing that the incapacitated veteran is given a fair chance of recovery.

I AM THE UNITED STATES

You heard me in the parl of a fountain,
Iron-grilled, at New Orleans; in the flow
Of rapid Oregon; in gales that blow
Round Lookout Mountain,
Chanting of my battles long ago.

Now I sound my clarion in chain-lightning
From mouths of my sixty thousand guns,
A whiteness, of a myriad starry suns,
Man's hope that, brightening,
Cleanses earth of Samurai and Hun.

Soon you'll hear my voice in children's
laughter;
Superb they are, as daybreak that awaits
From eastern to my western fortress-gates.

I am today, tomorrow, the hereafter.
I am the United States.

JOHN ACKERSON

Washington Calling

By Marquis Childs

America's Position

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS ago there was great pressure on the Government in Washington to line up in Russia's civil war on the side of the Communist officers who were fighting the Bolsheviks. American troops were in Siberia, and a few American soldiers fought in trenches with the British outside Archangel, on the other side of Russia's great empire. That futile effort to put down a mass movement helped to feed the suspicion with which the Russians regarded the rest of the world. It is one of the reasons why it is so hard today to come to any real understanding with the Soviet Union.

There were Americans then who shut their eyes to reality. They ignored the long conflict between Communist and non-Communist, and the fermenting unrest of the masses of the Russian people. They ignored the terrible hardships and suffering of the Russian people in the war; worse than in any other country, in World War I as in World War II.

THEY THOUGHT that, by sending support to certain adventurous officers of the old regime, they could push back the current of history. In the same way, there are Americans today who believe that a little intervention in China will make it possible for Chiang Kai-shek to master the Communists and "unify" all of China's vast, strife-torn area.

The danger is that a little intervention will lead to our taking sides in a major way in China's internal war. It will draw us in so that we find ourselves sending more troops and more money and guns. This might not happen, but no one can deny that it is a possibility.

Those who were eager for intervention in Russia's civil war were a quarter of a century ago, and those who today want us to hold the balance in China with men and munitions overlook one all-important fact. The American people are opposed, by their deepest traditions and by all the conditions of life in this country, to that kind of action.

It was only after a direct attack on American territory in 1941 that we roused ourselves to resist what was a carefully planned conspiracy to surround and eventually destroy American democracy. Now that that most terrible of all wars is ended, the clamor of public opinion is to get out of the mess in which we are caught, to pull back within our continental borders.

So persistent is that clamor that it may prevent us from carrying out responsibilities we owe to the world. How, then, can those who urge intervention in China expect that American opinion will accept a risk which may lead to a considerable commitment in men and machines? We read of the angry mutterings of the American fliers who must fly planes to Chiang over the Hump. This is fact, just as real as the air we breathe, and no amount of lecturing, no talk about "leadership," no hysteria is going to change it.

THIS CONFLICT is an old story. It is only why we have such a hard time shaping any clear line on foreign policy. You have Americans, often in influential positions, who talk about what America will do. They succeed now and then in fooling both our friends and our enemies, but especially our friends.

They ignore the fact that only under the most extreme provocation, and then only most reluctantly, will Americans take positive action outside the borders of this country.

You can argue that this is wrong, dangerously shortsighted. You can argue that America should not take world leadership. You can argue with considerable logic and force for a Pax Americana—a hundred years of peace enforced by our power around the world, working benevolently through the United Nations, or as a frank imperialism.

But that is so contrary to the American temperament that it is impossible to see how it can be done. We are left, therefore, with only one choice in our foreign policy. Strong within our own borders, we can be friendly with all peace-loving nations. We can, as Walter Lippmann has so well put it, be a friendly mediator between the nations.

The sooner our interventionists—whether they be imperialists or earnest internationalists who want to carry the benefits of American democracy to the world—learn this, the sooner will we be able to take a reasonable position that accords with American opinion.

We have a chance to become a working partner in a world organization. Quarrels over intervention in China or anywhere else, weaken that possibility because such quarrels inevitably stir all the old isolationist prejudices.

Mexican Border

I was just wondering today as I saw a line of American tourists crossing the International Bridge, whether our State Department knows that it costs the American tourists anywhere from \$10 to \$25, before he is cleared by the Mexican customs.

No, don't misunderstand me, it is not on this side of the river, but on the Mexican side that the American is made to pay. Besides the \$2.10 for the tourist fee, half dozen officials and their helpers almost demand a tip of five pesos (\$1.00) each for just directing you or closing your bag or opening it. If you don't pay you may be easily embarrassed.

ROBERT WILLIAMS
Laredo, Texas, Nov. 24.

Prospects For Italy

By Sumner Welles

Immediate Help Is Needed

THE OVERTHROW of the cabinet headed by Premier Ferruccio Parri was only one in a series of events indicating the grave crisis which Italy is undergoing. Unless remedial action is taken it is inevitable that conditions within Italy will become far more serious.

In the five months during which he held office, Premier Parri demonstrated his devotion to the cause of democracy as well as his capacity and patriotism. But no Italian government, however liberal and capable it may be, will have much chance to succeed if the policy of the United States continues to be as sterile as it has been until now.

Italy is still governed under the terms of the armistice of 1943. The failure of the major powers to agree at London upon an Italian peace treaty and the consequent uncertainties with which the Italian nation is confronted, make any advance toward political stability well-nigh impossible. For the same reasons, no start can be made in laying any solid foundation for the restoration of Italy's shattered economy.

Even local or communal elections have not yet been held. Until the long-promised, and long-postponed, evacuation of British troops from northern Italy is carried out, no free elections can take place in that great industrial sector.

THE ITALIAN government has as yet been unable to obtain the passage of a national electoral law. Yet national elections are scheduled to take place on April 30 next.

The internal situation in Italy is fast degenerating into one of hopeless confusion. In the meantime, the reactionary groups are plotting to secure power, and the Communist forces are fast coming to the surface. The strident voices of the extreme Left are making themselves ever more loudly heard.

The inability of Italy to secure the peace treaty promised at the Potsdam Conference is due primarily to the opposition of the Soviet government. The Soviet Union is opposed to the conclusion of any final peace treaty with Italy until some agreement can be secured from Great Britain and the United States upon the peace treaties with the eastern European and Balkan countries which Moscow favors.

So long as no Italian peace treaty can be concluded, the Italian people are left in the dark as to their frontiers and as to the final disposition to be made of Italian colonies. They are left in equal doubt as to the extent of the reparations which their prostrate nation will ultimately be forced to pay. The Soviet Union has reduced its original demand to 500 million dollars. The government of Marshal Tito is claiming two billions. Greece, the country most entitled from every standpoint of equity to receive reparations from Italy, has not yet been able to formulate her demands.

Until the Italian people have these staggering uncertainties resolved, it is impossible to conceive of any political, economic or financial reconstruction.

By the terms of the United Nations declaration, the United

States cannot conclude any unilateral peace treaty with an Axis power. There is consequently no hope that a peace treaty with Italy can be signed until some general understanding is reached between the Soviet Union, Great Britain, and the United States.

On the other hand there is much that the United States can do to ameliorate the desperate condition in which the Italian people find themselves, without violating either the spirit or the letter of the agreement by which this government is bound.

THE WINTER has already set in. Many hundreds of thousands of Italians will confront cold and starvation unless relief—and immediate relief—is offered them. Failure of the United States Congress to take immediate action in voting the appropriations required for the UNRRA would make it impossible for any relief to be offered the Italian people after the middle of January.

All of Italy's prewar merchant shipping has been taken for the inter-Allied pool. There is not the remotest chance of any inter-Allied agreement through which Italy could utilize some of these vessels to enable her to obtain food and fuel from abroad.

At the present moment, there are in the port of Buenos Aires 100,000 tons of wheat offered the Italian people as a gift by the Argentine government. Great quantities of food supplies can be obtained by Italy in all of the eastern South American republics through credit operations guaranteed by the Italians resident in those countries. Yet without ships none of these supplies will become available.

The Allied Control Commission is still dominating every aspect of Italy's political and economic life. Until a final peace treaty is signed the Allied governments must necessarily exercise general supervision over the foreign policy of Italy, as well as over her finances and her armed forces. But there are innumerable restrictions over Italy's domestic affairs still being enforced by the Allied Control Commission, which could long since have been safely lifted. Their continuation impedes any start forward to normal life.

THE UNITED STATES could of its own initiative solve all of these problems at once.

Empty American Liberty ships are already crowding our harbors. The charter of a number of them to the Italian government would not only help to save many lives. It would also make it possible for industry to recommence and for unemployment to be reduced.

Through the exercise of its influence within the Allied Control Commission this Government could also procure the immediate abrogation of all regulations which unnecessarily restrict the internal life of the Italian people.

Such assistance as this, and such evidence of practical sympathy, would make it more likely that the majority of the Italian people would be encouraged to unite in order to transform Italy into a constructive and democratic factor in the regeneration of Europe. And this is the moment when American help might well prove to be decisive.

Letters To The Editor

Communications must carry writer's name and address, though pen names are permitted at the editor's discretion. Letters should be held to not more than 200 words. They are subject to condensation.

Merchant Marine

Recently your paper referred to the fact that so many crew members of merchant marine vessels leave ship and return home before the boys have been brought back to this country. Today I heard the same tune over the radio, praising the merchant marine and implying the crew members to stay on their job.

However, your readers should be informed that Congress is to be blamed if there is a bad feeling among seamen and if the merchant marine deteriorates quickly. For there does not exist a bill of rights for the seamen nor for the youngsters who entered the training schools of the War Shipping Administration. They have no preference rating in civil service examinations nor can they expect subsidies to continue their war-interrupted studies. It is a shame that a recent Senate resolution giving a few rights to merchant seamen as, for example, free access to higher schools of learning, is at present shelved in the House committee.

As mother of a seaman I want to protest publicly against the negligence with which the justified interests of the merchant marine are treated.

ALICE KAHN.
Hyattsville, Md., November 25.

Pie Scandal

I believe you did a real public service last week when you called attention to the pernicious action of the union which forbade deliveries (by any other bakery) to the customers of the bakery in question. I believe in collective bargaining, and I believe that labor has in many instances been the victims of inequalities. When any organization begins to dictate to the consumer, however, it is time to point this out to the public who innocently assumes the customer has a right to buy pie where he chooses.

There is to be no competition between bakeries—or whatever the business may be? Is there to be no incentive to produce a better or cleaner or cheaper product? If

one cannot get delivery of a purchased product, the privilege of choice is a sham. What chance has the new business, if he is not able to sell to someone who once bought his product somewhere else? This news will be a bad blow to the veterans who have looked forward to having their own little businesses.

This smacks dangerously of the "protection" afforded by the gangsters, and as such should be exposed so that at least we will know what the situation is. Thank you for your information.

CAROLINE B. THAYER.
Alexandria, Va., Nov. 27.

Discrimination In D. C.

I, wife of a Negro officer and the sister of a Negro sailor (both in the South Atlantic), am now faced with a disheartening example of Nazism in my own community. A citizens' association in a Northeast area of Washington has now started a drive to force a number of Negro families from their homes where for three years they have maintained a high standard of living and exemplary conduct. A covenant broken three years ago by fellow signers is the swastika which they are so proudly waving.

For three years my husband as a military counselor and I as an employee counselor have sincerely worked toward helping other Negroes to arrive at a better understanding of fellow Americans, have helped to convince them that we too should join wholeheartedly in this fight to maintain the democratic way. Now when victory is still so new and shining, we along with these other families, are being forced to move because, although we are Americans, our skin is a different color.

Have these American Nazis forgotten that there is still a job to be done? Don't they realize that the wounded, the widowed, the fatherless, etc., must still be convinced that all their sacrifices were not in vain? How can there be faith in a democratic way when the reality does not correspond to the definition of this ideal?

NANCY M. LOVELL.
Washington, Nov. 22.

Findings Of Fact

By Mark Sullivan

Truman's Message

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S labor message to Congress is a landmark. During a period of more than 12 years this is the first time a President has asked Congress for legislation limiting labor's complete freedom of action about strikes. The limit he proposes by no means forbids strikes; it merely requires postponement of them, and applies only to strikes seriously affecting the public interest. Throughout the 11 years of Mr. Roosevelt's administration, his uninterrupted attitude was one of discouraging Congress, sometimes by using his influence with party leaders, from enacting any labor legislation except such as was agreeable to labor unions and in their interest.

For handling the General Motors strike and other labor disputes, President Truman asks Congress to authorize a Governmental agency. It would be similar to that which now handles labor disputes on railroads. The governmental railroad agency has power to take testimony and make findings of fact, but has no power to hand down binding decisions.

BUT BETWEEN labor disputes on railroads and those in other industries, there is a deep distinction. On the railroads, rates—that is, the price of what railroads sell—are fixed by the Government, by the Interstate Commerce Commission. If an advance in railway wages is supported by the findings of one Government agency, the one having jurisdiction over railway labor disputes, the advance can be taken into account by another Government body, the Interstate Commerce Commission, in fixing rates.

But what President Truman undertakes to deal with is strikes in industries of a different kind—motors, steel and other "industries in which Government does not fix prices (except as a temporary emergency during war)."

The agency President Truman proposes will make finding of fact about wages. In doing this, it will also make findings about prices? Probably it will be asked to do so. In the General Motors strike the labor leaders have already made demands to see the company's books, so as to find out—or as the labor leaders probably would put it, prove—that General Motors can pay the wage increases which the labor leaders demand, without increasing the prices of cars. Will Mr. Truman's governmental agency hand down a double finding, one about wages and one about prices? The possibility must stir speculation about future national policy.

IN THE FREE enterprise system as it exists in America, and in the attitude of Government toward it, it is assumed that prices in ordinary industries will be controlled, not by law nor by Government agency, but by competition. Only when competition is suspended does the Government intrude. The intrusion is in the form of prosecution against monopoly.

America now sees, in widening circles and with growing pressure, a suggestion that we abandon reliance upon competition for controlling prices. The suggestion is foreshadowed in some proposal for the settlement of labor disputes. In part, the suggestion arises from other sources.

We have had Government price-fixing during the war. This would normally end with expiration of the wartime statutes which authorize it. But we face a period in which, if all controls were removed, prices in some lines might run wild, until care by competition sets in. Because this might bring danger of inflation, it is proposed that price controls be extended until that danger is passed. The proposal has some justification, provided the control is terminated within a reasonable time.

If America embarks on price control, either as an incident of handling wage disputes or for any other reason, it is in the line of a familiar pattern would emerge. Control of steel prices, for example, would force control of prices of motors and other products into which steel enters, and so on through the whole industrial structure. Price control would be the abandonment of competition, and that would be the abandonment of free enterprise, of which competition is an indispensable accompaniment.

Further, we found during the war price ceilings had to be accompanied by wage ceilings. Price control and wage control go hand in hand. Whoever you start with, the other follows. It should be added that President Truman does not propose either.

On the contrary he proclaims belief in the free enterprise system. Nevertheless Congress is acting on Mr. Truman's useful proposal will not be to sure their action does not lead toward price-fixing.

Arlington Herrenfolk

I am shocked and alarmed by your news item that the Glue Federation of Arlington is planning a common against Negroes. Is this the first time of revival of the Ku Klux Klan? There is certainly nothing "civic" about the proposal. Is something more sinister at work here? Can we get to the bottom of this and what can we do?

SOUTHERN CAUCASIAN,
Arlington, Va., November 23.

President's Message

By Ernest Lindley

Fact-Finding And Cooling Off

WHATEVER the reactions from organized labor and management may be—and they are likely to be mixed—the President's special message on labor disputes seems certain of applause from the general public. The Railway Labor Act has proven successful in averting strikes for 19 years. With such a record, it becomes inevitable that the means of dealing with wage disputes in other major industries in which stoppages vitally affect the public interest. The Railway Labor Act was the main spring of inspiration for the Burton-Ball-Hatch bill. That bill, however, arrives eventually at compulsory arbitration, and contains various other factors which have provoked sharp controversy. The President's simple proposal avoids the extremes and the collateral issues of the Ball-Burton-Hatch plan. It contains only two ingredients—fact-finding and a cooling off period while the fact-finding board makes findings and recommendations. Unless extended by mutual agreement, the cooling off period would run for a maximum of 30 days. The fact-finding machinery will be brought into action only when the Secretary of Labor certifies that collective bargaining and conciliation have failed and that a stoppage of work would vitally affect the public interest.

AS THE PRESIDENT emphasizes, this is not a complete formula for the orderly handling of industrial disputes. It merely fills one of the most obvious blank spaces left by the Labor-Management Conference.

Two circumstances may help to soften opposition from organized labor, or at least from some of the more experienced union leaders. One is the fact that more adventurous younger leaders

have been forcing strikes which the older heads regard as premature, to say the least. The General Motors strike is the outstanding example. It is understood to have been forced over the objection of R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW, and Philip Murray, president of the CIO. General Motors had very little to lose financially, from a stoppage during the balance of 1945. It clearly had a tactical advantage. For some time, the prevailing judgment in Washington had been that the union could be saved from a serious, possibly disastrous, setback only by moderation on the part of General Motors or the intervention of the Government. However, it is looked upon by the rank and file of auto workers, the President's appointment of a fact-finding board and request that work be resumed should be welcomed by the union—no matter what the board's findings and recommendations may be.

THE SECOND circumstance that should mitigate opposition to the President's proposal by leaders of union labor is the knowledge that Congress, if left to its own devices, almost certainly would go farther. The antiunion right wing of Congress probably will try to clutter up the President's plan with sundry amendments to the National Labor Relations Act or for the regulation of union affairs. Legislation along both lines may be desirable. In the present temper of Congress it is not likely to be well considered. Union labor's best hope of avoiding really damaging legislation lies in getting behind the President's recommendation that his fact-finding and cooling-off proposal be acted on separately and at once—before Congress recesses for Christmas. A negative attitude would tend to isolate the unions still more completely from general public support.

Byron Price's Report

Reader Opinion On Feeding Germany

It is with utter dismay that one reads the report made by Mr. Byron Price. Judging from your editorial, "Plain Speaking," of November 30, the opinions emitted by that gentleman are also shared by your editorial staff. It is indeed plain speaking to all of us who were called upon four years ago to take up arms against the most diabolical war machine ever devised in the history of man. The judgment of the world was then "irrevocable; our objective, so we were told, was simple, in fact terrifyingly simple. We had to destroy that very machine, and reduce the nation responsible for it to a state where never again would that same nation repeat its outrageous crimes against human life." To this end was our courage exerted; to this end we fought; to this end we won.

Yet, if we are to believe Mr. Price, and your editorial, in absolute disregard of the objectives for which we fought and won, in total defiance of the 30 million dead of German barbarity, and in complete ignorance of Prussianism, Von Clausewitz and the Junkers, Aryanism and other sinister myths contrived by the German mind, we must make of Germany a going economic concern! We also read that Mr. Price "utters a caution against undue haste in de-Nazifying German industry!" Shocking indeed, are these words coming from an American official, so shocking in fact that we hope Mr. Price saw in them a connotation different than the one that flared in the minds of millions of us who took up arms with an entirely different goal in view. The Germans had their last chance; now, this may very well be our last chance. For the achievement of our goal, we stand unbending, inflexible. If this requires, as the French with their traditional sense of realism seem to think, the "economic dismemberment" of Germany, then, let us have it. We are concerned solely with our own security; what becomes of Germany is of no concern to us. That such a policy entails great hardships to the individual German is very regrettable; but that was something their leaders should have thought of when it was still time. It surely is not our responsibility now. All we

can do is to carry out our policy of self-preservation to its logical conclusion. Either we finish Germany now, or she will finish us in a few years hence.

CONSTANT VERGER, Arlington, Va., Dec. 2.

It is with considerable interest that I have just read Byron Price's report on conditions in Europe and his recommendation that we provide sufficient food for Germany to have a 2000-calorie diet daily.

The requirement in calories for an adult is 2400; in France in September the average person was able to get 1400. Heavy workers require 3000 calories per day; the average in France was 1500. Miners and other especially heavy workers need 3400; French miners got 1560.

The result of this continued malnutrition cannot fail to have terribly serious results. People who are chronically malnourished lack energy, will to work, care nothing except to obtain food in some manner. Germany must undoubtedly receive some shipments of food from the United States, but shall we do less for our friends than for our enemies? Shall the country which killed our sons and husbands receive a nearly adequate diet while the victims of Nazism in western Europe grow steadily weaker, less able to rebuild their country and its democratic government?

I lost a good deal in this war; my only son, I do not want him to have died in vain. We must help the democracies of Europe, and I for one am quite willing to go without a few ounces of food a day in order to help bring this about. Voluntary movements and organizations are fine, but only congressional action can really aid very materially. Food for Germany—all right; but food for the rest of western Europe NOW!

NAVY MOTHER, Washington, Dec. 2.

Through The Post's error, in Mr. Lippman's column of December 3 the name of Mr. George Atcheson was spelled without the T, leaving the impression that Undersecretary Atcheson was being referred to. The Post deeply regrets this error.

The President's Calling List

President Truman yesterday saw the following White House callers: 10 a. m.—Publisher J. David Stern of Philadelphia Record. 10:15—Senator Chavez (D., N. Mex.). 11—Lesing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council for Judaism. 11:15—Chairman McMahon (D., Conn.) of Senate Atomic Energy Committee, with War Secretary Patterson, Navy Secretary Forrestal, Maj. Gen. Leslie Groves, Dr. Edward U. Condon and James New-

12—Justice Bennett Champ Clark and National Legion Commander John Stelle.

12:15 p. m.—Charles Sawyer, Ambassador to Belgium.

12:30—British Ambassador Halifax and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

2:30—Editors and publishers of the Gannett newspapers.

4—Members of the motion picture committee, State chairman and co-chairmen of the March of Dimes campaign for 1946.

West Point Instructor To Teach at Annapolis

Charles Town, W. Va., Dec. 4 (Sp.)—Capt. Millard K. Bushong, this city, for more than two years instructor in history at the United States Military Academy at West Point, has been ordered to teach at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis for the next semester, he disclosed during a week-

To Teach at Annapolis

end visit here. The arrangement, he said, was made at the request of Navy Department, which will send a naval officer to West Point for the corresponding period. Captain Bushong, who enlisted as a private in the Army in 1942, was formerly a member of the faculty at Shepherd College at Shepherdstown, near here.

Off the Record

By Ed Reed



"Daughter, don't forget to wind the clock and put out the cat—and the WOLF."

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

Down in Natal, Brazil, a large number of high-point, United States troops have been sweating it out, hoping to get back to the USA. They are intruders on foreign soil, and the Brazilians resent their continued presence now that the war is over. Also they are largely doing a commercial transport job which ought to be taken over soon by Pan American Airways and other commercial companies. Nevertheless their return home has been all too slow.

The other day, Col. Thomas D. Ferguson, then commander of Natal, issued an order that "enlisted men with more than 60 points and more than two years' service" would not be sent back to the USA for several days due to the "north-bound backlog" of air traffic. He explained that Miami had been able to send only one additional C-54 to carry personnel, and that for safety reasons men could not return home on combat planes.

The men who had been waiting hopefully to go home took this announcement philosophically and settled down to wait for the transportation jam to get unjammed. But three days later, Colonel Ferguson sent a C-47, No. 9898 from Natal to Bahia on a most "essential" mission. He could not spare a plane to carry enlisted men back to their homes in the USA. But he could spare a de luxe passenger plane to fly a group of women to Bahia to attend an officers' dance. They flew down and back in the "plush job" and a good time was had by all—except by the men who were waiting in Natal, because there were not enough planes to take them home.

Censor Cannon

When most people pick up the Congressional Record, they think that they are reading what Congressmen actually say during official debates. But they're not. Actually they read what the Congressmen want folks to think they've said.

In other words, the text of the Congressional Record is altered before it gets into print. There was a time when Congressmen would insert "loud applause" after their remarks, even if there had been loud guffaws or boos after their speeches. This practice was stopped by honest Speaker Sam Rayburn, but other censorship continues probably without Rayburn's knowledge.

Last week, for instance, the censoring of congressional speeches reached a new low, when dictatorial Congressman Clarence Cannon of Missouri struck out two statements by other Congressmen because he didn't like what they said about his appropriation bill. Furthermore, Cannon did this editing without even having the courtesy to consult his two colleagues. When they picked up the Record next morning they merely found that their remarks weren't published.

Martinet Cannon was completely impartial. He drew no party lines. He censured Democratic Representative Eddie Hebert of New Orleans just as ruthlessly as he did Republican Representative George Bender of Cleveland.

Hebert, a conscientious Congressman who works hard on the District of Columbia Committee, objected to Cannon's elimination from the deficiency bill of a mere pittance to help solve Washington parking problems. Cannon's reply during the debate showed that he didn't understand the subject at all. Whereupon the Louisiana Congressman told him:

"If what the gentleman has said indicates his knowledge of the items in this appropriation bill, then it's no wonder he is having so much trouble getting it passed, because he evidently knows nothing about anything in it."

After the debate Cannon severely blue-penciled Hebert's remarks. Bender, another able Congressman, had objected to Cannon's refusing to vote \$24,500,000 for veterans' housing, as requested by President Truman.

"We have servicemen returning from overseas by the thousands," Bender told Cannon during the debate, "with no shelter for themselves and their families. They are standing in long lines and living in tents in some places."

"Gentlemen, many of you remember the bonus march after the last war. Well, that will be as nothing compared to the march on Washington of former servicemen looking for shelter. We're going to have it and it won't be long. Sure, I'm for economy, but this is a poor place to begin economizing."

Again without consulting Bender, Cannon blue-penciled the entire text of the Ohioan's statement from the official reporter's transcript before it was sent to the Government Printing Office for publication in the Record.

Apparently, free and fair debate is finished in the House of Representatives.

Ford Policy Reversed

Some big changes are taking place in the Ford Motor empire. In addition to its new attitude toward labor, Henry Ford 2d, who succeeded to the presidency early this year, makes no bones about his desire to get along with the United Auto Workers though his grandfather fought them tooth and nail.

However, there's still another policy under way that is being discussed only in whispers by the Ford family intimates and the few State Department insiders who know about it.

It involves an effort by the octogenarian patriarch of the auto company, Henry Ford himself, to banish that anti-Semitic skeleton in his closet. And Ford has made a private appeal to the State Department for assistance.

Inside fact is that Ford's anti-Semitic philippics, in Dearborn Independent editorials a couple of decades back, have been dug up and widely disseminated by certain Fascist elements in South America which are trying to stir up unrest.

One of Henry Ford's top lawyers recently called at the State Department in hopes of enlisting the aid of embassy and consular officials in South America in combating the propaganda. The State Department promised to help.

Paddle Ball Sparkman

One of the most surprised figures on Capitol Hill was Representative John Sparkman of Alabama when he was named Democratic whip. He heard it first through the newspapers.

Politicians generally agree that Majority Leader Representative John W. McCormack of Massachusetts couldn't have made a better choice. Liberal and intelligent, the 45-year-old Sparkman has risen swiftly in House councils since his election to Congress in 1935 and has distinguished himself both as a member of the Military Affairs Committee and as an adroit debater on the floor.

"In addition to all these things, I chose John Sparkman because he is a darned good friend of mine," commented McCormack to friends.

"He's also a friend of mine and I think you made a smart choice," interposed GOP Representative John M. Vorys of Ohio. "I want to thank you on behalf of the Congressional Paddle Ball Association."

"What's that?" asked McCormack. "Well, a group of us play paddle ball a lot in the House gymnasium to keep in physical trim," explained the Ohio Republican.

"Sparkman is one of the gang. It's the only place on Capitol Hill where politics doesn't count. All you have to do to qualify for the association is play a good game of paddle ball."

Capital Chaff

Add samples of Navy efficiency: The lanker Giorietta left California last January with a cargo of oil. After she reached Okinawa, the Giorietta was ordered back to Pearl Harbor without unloading. At Pearl Harbor, the Navy said it didn't need the oil and sent the tanker to Guam. At Guam there was no room for the cargo and the Giorietta was ordered to Panama. By the time she arrived at Panama, the war was over, but the cargo was still on board. The Giorietta was again ordered to the Far East, where she recently unloaded her cargo after eight long months at sea.

Hard-working Congresswoman Chase Goodrich Woodhouse of Connecticut, put on an instructive show in the House Office Building recently to demonstrate how price control is helping the consumer. Mrs. Woodhouse's exhibit was the consumer's reply to

Anti-Inflation

Stand Urged

Upon Congress

As a means of combatting "inflation psychology," which Government economists claim is sweeping the Nation at alarming speed, various Administration leaders are working behind the scenes to get a hurry-up expression from Congress on its price-control views beyond next June 30.

Taking the stand that recurrent rumors and statements to the effect that price lines "cannot and will not be held" can sweep OPA away before its legislative lifetime is up, they believe a stabilization statement from Capitol Hill is urgently needed.

Urges NAM Change Stand

At the same time, some Government officials are hopeful that the National Association of Manufacturers will reverse its request for an ending of price controls on February 15.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles told the Senate Small Business Committee yesterday: "I can think of no greater disservice anyone could render the Nation, now that the war is over, than to spread the idea that the price line cannot or will not be held."

"It can be held with public, business, Administration and congressional support. It cannot be held if OPA is left to fight alone."

With consumers' and business holding 145 billions of wartime savings and the inflation psychology spreading, he declared the "one, and only one, safe policy" is a firm holding of price levels.

Full Hearing Promised

The Senate committee opened hearings "on the whole OPA and pricing problem," and promised weeks of testimony—if necessary—to bring "all this foment into the open." Staff members said the hearings "are because the committee wants to help price control rather than see it discarded."

Bowles outlined OPA's reconversion pricing policies, which he has explained to Congress several times within recent weeks, but made his

a retail industry exhibit the week before which sought to demonstrate how price control is hampering industry. Congresswoman Woodhouse has assembled scores of letters from businessmen, praising the OPA's fight against inflation.

Tired, 91-year-old General Coxey who led "Coxey's Army" in the Capitol in the 90s, turned up in Washington the other day demanding a revision of the Government's gold policy. Coxey settled down in Harold Young's office in the Commerce Department and said he still thinks he's strong enough to stage a new march on Washington.

In 1943 there were 30,886,134 motor vehicles of all types in the United States.

Wednesday, December 5, 1945

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The Gallup Poll

Four Populous Eastern States Favor Peacetime Training Idea

By George Gallup

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 4.—If referenda were held today on the question of peacetime military training, voters in four of the most populous Eastern States—New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts—would give it an overwhelming vote of approval. This fact is brought to light in a series of special polls in each of the four States. Questioning was among voters representing a cross-section of the voting population in each of the States, as follows:

"In the future, do you think every able-bodied young man should be required to take military and naval training for one year?"

Here are the replies from the four States translated into votes. Purely for illustrative purposes, the total number voting in each State in the 1944 elections is used to show the comparative number of votes.

	New York	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania
Yes	78	75	79	74
No	18	21	19	22
No opinion	4	4	2	4

Pennsylvania
Yes 74
No 22
No opinion 4

The majorities in the four States favoring the idea of a peacetime conscription program exceed quite markedly the majorities which back in 1940 expressed themselves in favor of compulsory military conscription for training in the Army, Navy or Air Forces for one year.

This is shown in the following table:

	Favor Peacetime Military Training	Favor Compulsory Military Training in 1940
New York	78%	64%
Massachusetts	75	67
New Jersey	79	64
Pennsylvania	74	60

Sentiment throughout the Nation as a whole is at an all-time high in approval of peacetime military training. Latest surveys find 75 per cent favoring a peacetime program, 21 per cent opposing, 4 per cent with no opinion.

10 Army Airplanes Shown in Martinsburg

Martinsburg, W. Va., Dec. 4 (Sp.)—Ten Army airplanes, with 35 men attached, were here today for a two-day demonstration and show in the interest of the Victory Loan Drive in this county.

The ships came in a day ahead of schedule because they were forced by bad weather to cancel a stand at Parkersburg, W. Va. They came here from the New Castle Army Air Base at Wilmington, Del.

Dr. Hedges Retires From Blind Group

Richmond, Va., Dec. 4 (P.)—The resignation of Dr. H. S. Hedges of Charlottesville as a member of the Virginia Commission for the Blind was announced yesterday by Governor Darden.

Dr. Hedges advised the Governor that he submitted the resignation because of advanced age. The Governor has made no announcement on selection of a successor.

India Given New Assurance Of Self-Rule

London, Dec. 4 (P.)—The British government reaffirmed today its promise of self-rule for India, but warned simultaneously that it would resist any attempt to resolve the issue by force.

In a statement of policy read in both houses of Parliament, the Labor government promised to turn the reins over to the Indians when a suitable constitution is adopted. But establishment of a constituent assembly can scarcely be contemplated before the Indian elections next spring, the statement said.

Meanwhile, a nonpartisan parliamentary committee will be sent to India immediately to make independent observations and draft unofficial recommendations to the British government.

Personal Meetings Important

The statement said it was important that members of the British government have an opportunity to meet Indian political leaders and learn their views at first hand.

The government observed that in the transition toward complete self-government, India would pass through difficult times, and added:

"No greater disservice could be done to a future Indian government and to the cause of democracy than to permit the foundations of the state to be weakened, and the loyalty of its servants to those who are in authority to be undermined, before that new government comes into being."

"Therefore," the statement continued, "the government cannot divert itself of the responsibility which rests upon it and upon all provincial governments of preserving law and order and of resisting any attempts to resolve the constitutional issue by force."

Only By Orderly Transfer

"The realization of full self-government can only come by the orderly and peaceful transfer of control of the machinery of state to purely Indian authority."

The statement made no reference to recent disturbances in Calcutta and Bombay, but said the government would give full protection to civil servants in the performance of their duty.

In the debate which followed, Herbert Morrison, Lord President of Council, was asked whether India, once it was granted self-government—would be permitted to withdraw from the British commonwealth if its leaders so desired. He replied that Britain would not impose any restriction on the power of India to decide her future.

"It is naturally our hope that India will remain of her own free will in the British commonwealth," he added.

YOUR PERSONAL RECONVERSION

HOW'S IT COMING?

William S. Knudsen pulls no punches on our economic pessimists. He sees a glittering future for America, where "men with tired eyes" see only gloom. But gearing up for peace and prosperity, he says, calls for individual, as well as industrial, reconversion. Each of us must shift some mental gears.

THE NEXT TEN YEARS

by William S. Knudsen
Former Director of Production in the War Department

We have all the makings of a prosperous America. A vast, pent-up demand for goods—and the "know-how" to supply it. But we must snap out of our postwar hangover, and snap into the right frame of mind to get going. Each of us must do this for himself—and, says Mr. Knudsen, if he knows the American people, we will find this stimulating shot in the arm from one of America's production geniuses in the January American Magazine.

THE DOLL COLLECTOR

by Betty Bow

"She was my rival and he the man I loved... I could have warned Irene... Instead, I encouraged her folly... Now I am alone with my conscience and the terrible knowledge of the crime I committed."—A full-length mystery, complete in the January issue.

HOW WE CAN MAKE JOBS FOR MILLIONS

by J. A. Krug
Chairman, War Production Board

"Decentralization of industry" is a ponderous phrase, but it's also a plan it will pay you to ponder. Getting a job, or holding the one you've got, may very well depend on the success of this vital plan. In the January issue—the how and why.

Should we make health insurance compulsory?

Should we make it possible for most Americans to join private, voluntary medical insurance plans? Or should we go further than that and put our health insurance on a compulsory, nation-wide basis? The American Magazine Poll of Experts, conducted by Arthur Kornhauser, Ph.D., of the Bureau of Applied Social Research, Columbia University, handles these "hot" questions in the January issue.

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The Victory Committee Passes With the Year; Notes of the Theater

WITH CLOSE OF BUSINESS on Monday, December 31, the Hollywood Victory Committee will be no more.

This is the voluntary organization of showmen in the picture industry through which actors have made more than 55,000 patriotic, wartime appearances, at no cost to the government, and by which innumerable enterprises valuable to the war effort have been fostered.

In announcing the dissolution of the committee, Chairman Kenneth Thomson had this to say: "With the exception of providing entertainment for war casualties in military hospitals, the wartime work for which the committee was set up has been completed. Arrangement will be made before the end of the year to continue the hospital program in conjunction with USO-Camp Shows, and whatever organization is necessary will be set up to coordinate efforts of the Screen Actors Guild and Camp Shows."

Rosalind Russell

A brief recapitulation of the work done by the committee since December 10, 1941, would read something like this:

Through the instrumentality of the Victory Committee, Hollywood stars entertained America's fighting forces throughout the world, traveling more than 5 million miles by plane, ship, jeep, dog sled and even buffalo cart.

They spearheaded War Loan drives with Nation-wide tours and radio appeals, appeared for the Red Cross, War Chest and other war relief organizations and aided military and governmental agencies.

In its four years of service, the Victory Committee compiled a record of 55,286 free appearances by 4100 performers in 7595 events, among which 4917 were for the armed forces and 1265 for such official agencies as the OWI, Office of Inter-American Affairs, and the like.

Stars and entertainers made 122 overseas tours, 254 camp tours, 150 hospital tours and 41 bond tours of this country and Canada.

In three War Loan drives on which the United States Treasury Department reported figures, Hollywood personalities were credited with selling more than 3 billion dollars worth of bonds.

The Hollywood Victory Committee was set up by representatives of 22 entertainment industry organizations. Its first chairman was Fred W. Beeson, then executive vice president of the Association of Motion Picture Producers. Thomson has served, since 1942, Edward Arnold succeeded the late Mark Sandrich as executive chairman. Other officers are Bert Allenberg, treasurer; Howard Strickling, secretary; Arch Reeve, assistant secretary; Marco

Wolff, executive administrator, and Charles K. Feldman, talent committee chairman. "She Wouldn't Say Yes," starring Rosalind Russell and Lee Bowman, will be opening tomorrow morning on 13th st., in the absence of any suitable stop-gap film to bridge the interim to December 13, its original playing date. In addition to the stars, the cast includes Charles Winniger, Adele Jergens, Harry Davenport, Sara Haden and, standing out by itself, Nixie, a character of indeterminate gender, that would put the most impish gremlin to shame, by all reports. Having just been presented with a costume jewelry replica of this fabulous figure—not for personal adornment—we should say that the estimate of its capacity for mischief has not been overdrawn!

More of the Same

With bond purchases reputedly increasing daily by what are customarily referred to as "leaps and bounds," the Earle Theater has a tally sheet totaling more than a half-million dollars in E. bond sales—\$500,000, to be exact, as of yesterday.

One of the reasons for the mounting sales at the Earle, no doubt, is the nature of the prizes offered bond buyers in the Victory Bowl drawings to be made at the close of the Victory War Loan campaign on December 8.

The capital prize on that occasion will be the 1946 Pontiac Streamliner automobile.

Bond purchasers who don't win that one, still will have a shot—or as many shots as there are units of \$25 in their bond purchases—at a Hot Point Refrigerator, Bendix Washing Machine and a 50-piece 1847 Rogers Brothers silver service.

With two of four theaters far over their bond quotas, the Kogod and Burka houses in Washington also are pointed toward a record. The Apex Theater has \$65,925 in bond sales to show for its quota of \$54,000; Princess, \$31,000, against a quota of \$11,500; Atlas, \$23,255 toward its stipulated \$23,000; and Senator, \$21,215 on the way to its \$24,000.

Two screening-room premieres, with a price tag of a \$1000 bond on each seat, have been arranged by Fred S. Kogod—a \$50,000 premiere in the Paramount projection room on December 13, of "Road to Utopia," starring Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour; and a \$25,000 showing of "Saragat Trunk," costarring Gary Cooper and Ingrid Bergman, in the Warner Brothers private theater on December 20.

And that's the way it goes.

A newly organized acting group, composed of students at Wilson Teacher's College, will make its debut in the college auditorium on Friday night, December 14, in Katrina Trask's Christmas play, "The Little Town of Bethlehem." First presented in New York in 1925 by the Ben Greet Players, the piece will have Catherine Miffins, Donald Lett Goddard, Elaine Bresler and Annette Hanworth at the top of its cast. All departments of the undertaking are under the direction of Gloria Gibson, with Shirley Walcott as her assistant.

More of This Later Note

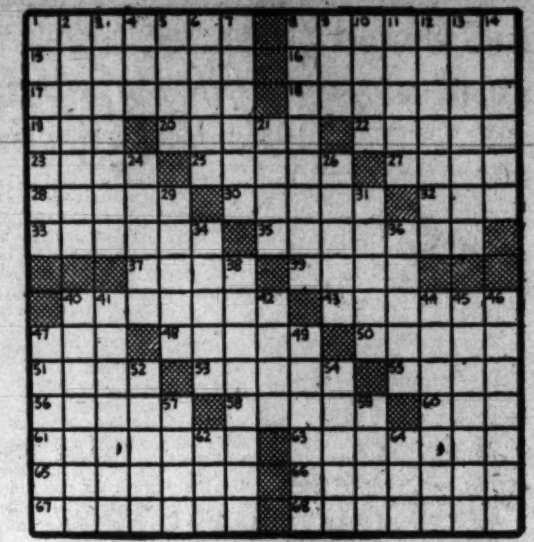
Gene Sheldon, with Fred MacMurray in "Where Do We Go From Here?" and more recently in "The Dolly Sisters," on the screen, is headlining a new show what is a show, at the Statler's Embassy Room. It wowed 'em at Monday night's opening.

Charles Town Pastor Dies on N. C. Visit

Charles Town, W. Va., Dec. 4 (AP).—Relatives in Charles Town were advised today of the death in Lumberton, N. C., of the Rev. Warren Cramer, 85-year-old retired Presbyterian minister.

Mr. Cramer, who lived here in retirement, was visiting at the home of a friend when his death occurred. Two sisters, Mrs. Wright Danner and Miss Nannie Cramer, both of Charles Town, survive.

Daily Cross Word Puzzle



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LEONARD LYONS Loose-Leaf Notebook

New York, Dec. 4.—Some weeks ago Representative Clare Boothe Luce introduced a resolution in the House calling upon Congress,

in some mystical fashion, to follow God's way in its handling of international affairs and to adhere to the Golden Rule in its dealings with the other nations of the world.

Mrs. Luce heard nothing about her bill, Boothe Luce and made inquiry. She learned that the problem was one of committee classification, that they hadn't decided which committee should have the bill. Mrs. Luce finally heard that it had been filed with the Foreign Affairs Committee.

"They think," she said, "God is a foreigner."

Fala will be out of the hospital and back at Hyde Park at the end of the week. . . . Elliott Roosevelt's bull-mastiff, Blaise, whose destruction was revealed by this column—had received antirabies shots. Eleanor Roosevelt's secretary, Malvina Thompson, whose hand he nipped, fortunately was not after effects.

Gen. Pat Hurley has received fabulous offers for radio and lecture appearances, but will return to his home in New Mexico. "I like to destroy rattlesnakes," he said, in refusing the speaking engagements and in polishing his old hunting rifles, "but I prefer my own."

Melvyn Douglas, now out of uniform, is having the usual problem of getting new clothes. The screen star never did have a large wardrobe. When he was under contract to Columbia Pictures, Harry Cohn, president of the company, complained to Douglas: "You've worn the same suit in your last three pictures. The fans are beginning to notice it. Please go out and get yourself a new suit." . . . Douglas agreed, ordered a new suit and reported at the studio for his next assignment. Cohn saw him, and raged: "A new suit, for pictures, does not mean a suit made of the same pattern and cloth as your old one."

Johnny Desmond, the GI singer who will make his theater debut at the Strand December 7, once sang for the Queen of England and her daughters at a GI concert in England. The Queen told him that since the arrival of the American troops in England her daughters had become swing fans. Then Princess Elizabeth asked Desmond: "Do you root for Crosby or Sinatra?" . . . Before Robert Benchley died he visited a friend in residence at Bellevue Hospital. Benchley reported that conditions in the psychiatric ward were so crowded that the patients were having to share their delusions. . . . Ralph Bellamy was able to rent an apartment by buying his landlord's furniture for \$3000, giving him two tickets to "State of the Union," and guaranteeing a screen test for the landlord's daughter.

Frita Lang, the movie director, is a member of the realism school. Like Alfred Hitchcock, Lang stresses painful perfectionism. In his forthcoming "Scarlet Street," there is a shot of an open garbage truck parked in front of a tenement house. Lang wasn't content with having his camera focused at the ugly mess. He whispered to his property man, who frowned, left, and returned in an hour. . . . Then, when the camera was ready, Lang signaled to the prop man, who walked quickly to the truck, and from a box he carried released the 2000 flies he had collected to

Sugar Quotas To Stay 'As Is' Next 3 Months

The Agriculture Department announced yesterday that it had allocated sufficient sugar for civilians for the first quarter of 1946 "to maintain rationing at present levels."

The department said in a statement, however, the world supply of sugar in 1946 was expected to be about as in 1945 and there is little likelihood that sugar will be removed from rationing "for some time to come."

Program Criticized

The announcement came a few days after some congressional critics of the Government's sugar program had urged an increase in the present ration of five pounds for four months per person for home use. This allowance is exclusive of special rationing allotments.

The first quarter allocation is 1,100,000 tons compared with 982,000 tons for the current quarter. Officials said much of the increase of 118,000 tons is expected to go to institutional and industrial users, including food processors who have not been able to obtain their full quota because of limited supplies.

Other allocations for the first quarter included: U. S. military and war services, 70,263 tons; commercial exports and shipments, including United States territories, 13,591 tons.

The department said that on the basis of allocations and distribution so far, civilian per capita consumption in 1945 will average about 72 pounds compared with 89 pounds in 1935-39 prewar period.

Looking to the future, the department said 1946 production may increase a little, but that stocks have been reduced to a minimum.

"The only area where there is a sufficient amount of unallocated sugar stocks is Java, and because of the internal situation there it has not been possible to make further investigations regarding the availability of these supplies. So far, none has been shipped from the island."

The department said shipments of sugar to this country from the Caribbean area in the first quarter of 1946 are expected to be substantially lower than the usual rate for that time of the year. This results, it said, from the low state of year-end stocks in that area.

Because of the outlook for Caribbean supplies, the sugar situation on the East Coast may be much tighter, early in 1946, than in the remainder of the country, the department said.

Soviet scientists were permitted to inspect the damage at Nagasaki. In requesting permission to enter the area they explained that it was to inspect Soviet property—that they wished to see if the Soviet consular buildings survived the atomic bomb. . . . American scientists who inspected Nagasaki were invited to dinner at the home of the governor. While these scientists were dining, Marines landed in the area and declared it out of bounds. When the MPs arrived to "help" the scientists leave, the guests noticed that in entering the home of the governor the MPs, in full battle dress, had remembered to remove their shoes before crossing the threshold.

Foreign Minister Molotov coined a word during his last session with the British and American representatives. He had observed the way they indicated approval by nodding and saying "Okay." Later, when Molotov wanted to indicate disapproval, he shook his head from side to side and declared "Nokay."

Betty Comden and Adolph Green, authors of the hit musical, "On the Town," have a second hit in their "Billboard Baby" which arrives in New York shortly. They now are constant ringsters at the night clubs where, only two years ago, they earned subsistence pay as part of "The Reversers" act. . . . The usually well-groomed Herbert Bayard Swope, sitting in the Club Room, heard the better-groomed Damon Runyon criticize Swope's having his sleeves pressed with a center-crease. "Oh, really?" Swope bellowed, and then quoted "Let the peasant approach and present his petition."

Metropolitan—"Love Letters," at 10:45 a. m., 12:55, 3:05, 5:20, 7:30 and 9:40 p. m.

RKO-Kelth—"The Spanish Main," at 11:35 a. m., 1:35, 3:35, 5:35, 7:35 and 9:35 p. m.

Palace—"Weekend at Waldorf," at 11:10 a. m., 1:45, 4:20, 6:55 and 9:30 p. m.

Columbia—"Guest Wife," at 11:40 a. m., 1:40, 3:40, 5:40, 7:40 and 9:40 p. m.

Little—"Colonel Blimp" at 11 a. m., 12:45, 2:35, 4:10, 5:50, 7:40 and 9:45 p. m.

Fix—"Danger on the Air" at 2:10, 4:35, 7 and 9:15 p. m. "Bowery" at 3:20, 5:45, 8:10 and 10:20 p. m.

Trans-Lux—Newsreels and shorts at 10:15 and 11:30 a. m., 12:45, 2, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45 p. m.

Ambassador—"Too Young to Know," at 1:20, 3:25, 5:30, 7:35 and 9:40 p. m.

Hippodrome—"Arrowsmith," at 2:20, 4:10, 6:05, 8 and 9:50 p. m.

Grin and Bear It



"I'm certainly not in favor of universal military training for the boys—I'll mean just a year of our lives wasted!"

Board Favors Shop School At Manassas

Manassas, Va., Dec. 4.—The control board of the Manassas State Vocational School has voted to recommend to the State Board of Education that the present location be retained for the school in this area.

The Manassas Vocation School was started on an experimental basis as the first regional vocational school in the State. It is operated by the Prince William County School Board for the State Board of Education. The school was cited by the Denny Commission as a model for other schools of its type.

UDC Program Tomorrow

The Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy will present historical program on Thursday at 11:45 a. m. in the auditorium of the Osborn Hotel. Features will include the following talks: "Gen. R. E. Lee After Appomattox and His Efforts to Restore Peace and Promote Industry," by Col. Robert A. Hutchison, "Reconstruction Period, 1865-1875" by Col. Benjamin Muse, and "Why I Am Glad I Am an American," by Capt. Richard M. Graham, USAR. Worth Peters, principal of the Manassas schools will preside and introduce the speakers.

Two Church Benefits Set

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Manassas, will hold a food sale and gift mart on Thursday (December 6) from 9:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. in the parish hall.

Saturday the Ladies' Aid Society of the Manassas Church of the Brethren will hold its annual food and dry goods sale at the International Hardware Store on Center st., Manassas beginning at 9:30 a. m. Col. Bead Gets Award

Lieut. Col. John W. Beard, who has been overseas for the last two years, has been presented the Bronze Star Award. Col. Beard who is en route home from India, is a graduate of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and served as a county agent for Spotsylvania County residing in Manassas.

Post Bible Verses

Portions of Hebrews: 6

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust do corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal.

But lay up yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal.

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

If thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness how great is that darkness.

No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

What's Going On And Where

Entertainment for Service Men and Women

Victory Chorus for Service Men and Women

Army-Mary Mason's Servicemen's Center

13th st. and New York ave. n. w., 1 p. m. Servicemen's Thrift Store, 8 a. m. and Post-graduate ave. n. w., 8 to 9:30 p. m.

Popul-Columbia's Thrift Store, 1215 and 13th st. n. w., 12:15 and 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. checking, showers, lounge, all day. US 101 10th st. n. w., recreation room, information, showers, darkroom, facilities, club closes at 4 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.

USO, 1726 Q st. n. w., Mead Glas Club, 7 p. m. USO, 1811 H st. n. w., congressional Post, 6 p. m. USO, 601 Market st. n. w., 8:30 and 9:30 p. m. USO, 1811 H st. n. w., congressional Post, 6 p. m. USO, 601 Market st. n. w., 8:30 and 9:30 p. m. USO, 1811 H st. n. w., congressional Post, 6 p. m. USO, 601 Market st. n. w., 8:30 and 9:30 p. m.

Mrs. Truman First Customer At Seal Booth

Booth sales of Christmas Seals in the District were officially opened yesterday as Mrs. Harry S. Truman bought the first 1945 seal. In purchasing the seal from Mrs. Paul D. Sleeper, volunteer booth worker for the District of Columbia Tuberculosis Association, Mrs. Truman urged support of the thirty-ninth annual sale and emphasized:

"In the present postwar period it is more than ever essential that our homes should be protected from disease and our health standards raised to improve existing standards of public health."

Simultaneously with this opening, 74 other booths in local banks, stores, theaters, postoffices and other public buildings began their booth sales.

Century-Old 'Shockoe' Still Echoes Auction Cry

Richmond, Va., Dec. 4 (AP).—The auctioning of Virginia's sun-cured tobacco crop began today in the old Richmond warehouse known as "Shockoe," used intermittently for about a century.

A record high price of \$40 per hundredweight was offered on several piles of the nut-brown leaf.

Why I believe in Santa Claus

by BING CROSBY

Star of "ROAD TO UTOPIA" A Paramount Picture

"I'm used to playing Santa Claus to my four kids that I didn't think the old boy really existed. Then I found Personna Blades in my Christmas stocking last year. And now no one can tell me there is no Santa Claus!

"These small Personna blades are closer than a photo-finish. I have a hunch I'll get smooth-shaving, super-sharp Personna Blades again—so already I'm dreaming of a right Christmas! Put Personna on your gift list!

Packages of 10—\$1. Here's why Personna Blades give luxury shaves: They're made of premium steel... hollow-ground for extra keenness... rust-resistant for longer use.

On Lums Gift Box—\$6 Blade, \$5. Cheerful gift of shaving comfort. These 50 superb Personna Blades will give a man the closest, smoothest, longest-lasting shave he ever had!

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Precision Blades

Personna Blade Co., Inc. 580 Madison Ave., N. Y. 17, N. Y.

Home Construction Priority in Offing

For Men 38 and Up Navy Changes Dependency Release Plan

The Navy yesterday announced that enlisted personnel 38 or over, who have one or more dependents, will be discharged upon request. About 35,000 come in the classification, but probably half already are eligible under the point system.

The new rule applies only to those who had dependents, including wives, as of August 15.

Meanwhile, the War Department warned of a "rapidly developing crisis" on the West Coast, where troops are piling up waiting for rail transportation.

Despite everything done to date, it said the backlog of troops, 48,000 a week ago, is mounting daily, and December will be the worst transportation month of the war.

At the same time the Army announced that 23 ships with a capacity of 83,000 are being transferred from Atlantic to Pacific runs, threatening to add to the jam-up unless more rail coaches and sleepers are made available.

Neither Army nor Office of Defense Transportation sees any possibility of an immediate solution. Longer Delays Seen

The War Department listed "extraordinary steps" it had taken to assist the railroads, but added "all these measures, however, while helpful, cannot provide enough relief to cope with the crisis on the West Coast. In December, when troop returns from the West Coast will be about 74 per cent higher than last month, even longer delays must be anticipated."

ODT has given no indication it intends to comply with an Army request and take more sleepers off civilian runs. The Army asked that the sleeper be increased from 450 to 500 miles for civilians.

This, however, would make only about 100 more cars available. Of a total of 8000 cars in the country, the Army already has all but about 2500, according to an ODT spokesman.

The Army cited work stoppages which prevented completion of sleepers as the main cause of the shortage. It said Army costs are being installed in place of berths on some of the cars, but that the supply is falling far below the demand.

Railroads, unable to furnish sleepers according to schedule, are turning over some coaches, but even these can't handle the load.

Public Appeal Proposed

The only thing left, according to an Army spokesman, is an appeal to civilians to cut down drastically on their holiday travel plans.

Because many of the men arriving on the West Coast reside in the Eastern States, there has been some talk of sending ships through Panama Canal and up to East Coast ports. The Army is reluctant to do this, however, as it would add a full month to each round trip, and slow up the whole demobilization movement.

While the situation continues, families were asked not to expect soldiers home a few days after they reach the West Coast.

Soldier Enters Council Race In Alexandria

An Army sergeant listed for discharge Saturday, Raymond Alexander Gallagher, 31, of 413 North St. Asaph, Alexandria, yesterday announced his candidacy for nomination as city councilman from the First Ward in the Democratic primary March 15.

Combining of the First and Second Wards under the new redistricting for equalization of the city, as authorized by the council effective January 1, has brought the promise of a heated political contest in the enlarged First Ward.

Both Thomas A. Hulfish, Jr., 42, of 200 Duke st., First Ward incumbent, and Pvt. Paul Lyne Delaney, 36, of 407 North Washington st., councilman for the Second Ward which is being absorbed into the First, have announced they will seek the First Ward nomination.

Sergeant Gallagher has been a resident of Alexandria for 18 years. He was graduated from St. Mary's Parochial School and George Washington High School.

He was employed by the Rural Electrification Administration from 1936 to 1946 and attended Columbus University in Washington at night, receiving his law degree in 1939. Sergeant Gallagher completed summer courses at the University of Virginia and the College of William and Mary. He entered the Army December 28, 1940.

In May of 1944 he was assigned to the Air Transport Command and was with the European Division of the Army Air Force in France for a year. He is a member of the Young Democratic Club of Alexandria, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Sigma Delta Kappa law fraternity, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion.

Zionists to Discuss Crisis in Palestine

An open discussion on "The Crisis in Palestine" will be held tonight at 8:15 by the Progressive Zionists of Washington at Pierce Hall, 15th and Harvard sts. n.w.

Guest speakers will be Representative Emanuel Celler (D., N. Y.),

Congressional Action Asked to Help Unhoused Veterans

By Christine Sadler Post Staff Writer

Congressional action which would stop industrial and commercial building in favor of home construction—particularly for veterans—was in the offing last night following growing complaints that home builders cannot secure materials.

National Housing Administrator John B. Blandford, Jr., yesterday told the House Banking and Currency Committee that this diversion is the major factor working to slow up all housing programs and to keep veterans unhoused.

Representative Frances P. Bolton (R., Ohio) called it tragic that the Administration had not seen fit "to keep control on allocation of the 50 scarce building materials, channeling them to home builders rather than permitting them to be used for additions to stores, new movie theaters, and such."

Asks Government Help

Even the National Association of Home Builders, which is credited with much of the spadework which caused Reconstruction Director John W. Snyder to agree to lifting the controls—over opposition from NHA and OPA—now asks Government help in getting materials.

Declaring that OWMR has sufficient authority to insure an adequate production of materials, Frank W. Corright, executive vice president of the home builders, declared: "Such materials as are in supply must be channeled into new housing construction and only the most vitally essential industrial construction."

Although OWMR has considered the problem, it has not decided to reinstitute the priority system whereby materials could be channeled and it appeared last night that Congress would take the initiative by approving legislation to speed housing for veterans.

Laws Aid Industrial Building

Representative A. S. Mike Mansfield (D., Okla.), who urged a "general going into the mystery of what happened to the lumber and other materials which were expected to be available as soon as the military services stopped buying, said the present tax laws permit industrial and commercial building at slight cost to the companies and firms undertaking it."

The home building industry is decentralized and not generally in a position to compete with large industrial builders, it was pointed out. Also, the builder's profit on business structures is usually greater from all angles than could be made on several homes.

Administrator Blandford said that materials were not as plentiful as had been anticipated and also that there is a shortage of skilled construction workers. Both factors are outweighed by the fact that home builders cannot get a share of what materials are available, he indicated.

Seeks Home Priorities

Blandford said he did not favor establishment of an Office of Housing Stabilization, as proposed in the Patman bill under consideration by the committee, but that he approved of its provisions to grant home priorities to veterans and of home price control in areas where needed.

"I certainly would generally favor granting these powers to the President or the director of OWMR for use in areas where construction was lagging," he said.

He indicated he thought it would be better if the price-control provision of the bill should be tied in with the War Powers Act—if the powers were extended for long enough time to accomplish anything.

Career Looms For Stand-in

Hollywood—Movie talent scouts can take tips from Lucille Ball. In the past three weeks, she's found two potential stars—first, her sister, Cleo Morgan, and now her stand-in, Wanda Cantlon.

For the Mardi Gras scene in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Time For Two," John Hodiak has to mistake one of the girls in the crowd for Miss Ball. They were scouting for a tall, willowy redhead who resembled the star.

"What's the matter with Wanda?" asked Miss Ball, pointing to her stand-in, who has been with her for the past three years.

Director Jules Dassin not only used pretty Miss Cantlon, but has promised her a screen test.

Melchior's Royal Title Brief Honor

Hollywood—Although Lauritz Melchior has the high honor of having been knighted, he has but two months in which to be called "Sir."

By Christmas he and Mrs. Melchior will be just plain American Mr. and Mrs. Melchior for they will receive their American citizenship papers in December.

When the Metropolitan Opera star, who continues his screen career in "Two Sisters From Boston," appeared at King Christian's 76th birthday jubilee in Denmark three weeks ago, he was the only one in the kingdom to be honored with knighthood.

Back in America, Melchior finds that Uncle Sam is about to knight him too—with full citizenship rights.

GIs Find U.S. School Allowances Are Not Enough For Purpose



Former Servicemen Nick Ford, 21; Raymond Bongiorno, 24, and Al Marchigiani, 21, supplement their GI allotments while attending Catholic University by waiting tables at Caldwell Hall.

By Sam Stavisky Post Staff Writer

Uncle Sam is stingy in dealing with his GI nephews (and nieces) to whom he offers "free" education or training as reward for service in the armed forces.

That's the consensus of 1500 veterans studying at Washington colleges and schools. Educators agree. "Just try to figure how you could eat, sleep, and dress like a human being on the veteran's allotment," asks Mr. Mitchell Dreese, George Washington University veterans' adviser.

Besides tuition and books, the veteran gets \$50 a month if single, \$75 if married, for subsistence under the GI Bill of Rights. Disabled GIs draw their modest pensions, generally \$92 a month if single, \$103.50 if married, under Public Law 16.

To make ends meet, some of the students cut down on their studies to increase the working hours of their part-time jobs. Others approach the problem from the other end, by cutting down on such "comforts" as food, clothing, and lodging.

Some "Physically Prepared"

"Ironically enough, those of us who served in combat were physically prepared for this sort of life," points out one hardy student, "Little food, little clothing, little shelter."

Nonetheless, former GIs are quitting school every month because they can't make a financial go of it, and readjust themselves and study at the same time. The lack of funds is leading to improper diet among veterans, according to Dr. Dreese.

At GWU one-fourth of the 425 GIs have cut down on their courses to work longer. One-half of the veterans are working part-time. The going is particularly tough for disabled veterans who aren't strong enough to work and study too.

None of the 300 former servicemen at American U. has had to quit, but the college is "floating loans up to \$200 to help tide the veterans over," says President Paul Douglas.

15 Serve As Waiters

Catholic U. has been helping its GIs find part-time work. Some 15 veterans, who probably hated every minute of KP in the service, are now glad to eke out their incomes as waiters at the school.

"Many of the veterans have to dip into their savings in order to get by," avers Gill Helring, president of the CU Veterans Club.

At Georgetown University, where the on-campus fee of \$100 a month for room and board cannot be covered by the GI allotments, the veteran must have outside financial help. The Alumni Association is planning to make 50 "victory loans" to help out.

"Practically all" veteran-students at Howard U. have, or are looking for, part-time jobs.

On the whole, the GI is grateful to Uncle Sam for the chance to go to school, but "he is certainly making it a difficult assignment."

Most veterans, financial worries notwithstanding, are doing well in their studies, and generally getting better grades than the younger, less serious non-veteran student. The GIs feel, however, because of the readjustment they must make, that they should be events that have cost us dearly."

Bing Goes to the Opera



AND PLAYS FOR JULIET—When "the groaner" visited the Metropolitan Opera House Monday night, he stopped in the dressing room of Patrice Munsel for a little close harmony. Miss Munsel was appearing as Juliet in the opera based on the Shakespearean play.

Adm. Leahy Assails Merger Of Army-Navy

By the United Press

Admiral William D. Leahy, Chief of Staff to the President, yesterday opposed an Army-Navy merger on the ground that it would handicap the Navy in both war and peace-time operation.

He told the Senate Military Affairs Committee that while he would not oppose a separate strategic air force, the naval air force must remain part of the Navy, just as much as submarines.

Favors Air Force

When asked about the proposal for a separate strategic air force, he said: "Personally, I'd give the Army Air Force what they want as a reward for their services." The AAF, he said, "functioned splendidly" during the war.

Leahy supported the Navy's proposal for a national security council as an alternative for a merger. Under the Navy plan, the overall head of the armed forces would be composed of the Secretaries of State, War and Navy and the heads of a new national resources board and central intelligence and scientific research agencies.

Sensors Elbert D. Thomas (D., Utah), Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.) and Lester Hill (D., Ala.) tried to break down Leahy's argument that unification of the Army and Navy would lessen civilian control of the military.

King Praises Navy

Meanwhile, Admiral Ernest J. King, retiring commander of the U. S. Fleet, said this Nation's victory over Japan is "the greatest ever achieved in modern history by one navy over another."

Writing in the Army and Navy Journal or naval operations during the last month of the war, he said so many enemy ships had gone to the bottom that U. S. submarines were hardpressed to find targets.

He reported that during the first six months of this year, 5747 Japanese aircraft were destroyed, 380 Jap ships were sunk by surface and air forces and 212 additional enemy vessels were sunk by submarines.

He paid tribute to men in other services who contributed to "Allied teamwork on land, sea and in the air." He warned that "in the peace-time years ahead, the great task of keeping our strength in seapower remains."

Loss of Bride Laid to Flier's 'Mush' Letters

London, Dec. 4 (AP)—Lieut. Harold Carbone of the U. S. Army Air Force lost his beautiful 19-year-old English bride because he wrote her love letters, the bride's mother, Mrs. E. G. Gloor, said today.

That, averred the mother, compelled her daughter to seek solace in the arms of Capt. Darrell Beschen, Mustang pilot, of Dubuque, Iowa.

Mrs. Carbone flew to America last week, presumably to join her young husband in Rochester, N. Y., but she went instead to Dubuque to join Beschen.

Carbone returned to America in the summer of 1944, a month after marrying Jean Gloor.

Couldn't Stand "Slush"

"They (his letters) were full of nothing but slushy sentiments," Mrs. Gloor said. "Jean could not stand it. She wanted news of everyday life in America."

"It was her husband's letters that did it. They were so unintelligent."

"Then she met Darrell in London. She began to feel she could no more live without Darrell than she could live with the other one."

Mrs. Carbone told reporters in the United States that Beschen was the father of her unborn child. Reported to Be Hysterical

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 4 (AP)—Mrs. Jean Carbone, 19, was said today to be "hysterical and exhausted" and remaining in bed.

The report was made to newsmen by Capt. Darrell Beschen, 25, in refusing to allow her to be interviewed. Reporters wanted to question her on last night's statement by her husband, Lieut. Harold Carbone, that he was not planning to give her an immediate divorce as she had requested of him.

Veterans Start Plan to Purchase McLean Gardens

A proposal that veterans buy the multi-million-dollar McLean Gardens housing project on Wisconsin ave. was advanced last night by local veterans.

Sponsor of the idea was National Headquarters Post, American Veterans of World War II. Bids will soon be accepted by the government for the war housing project, they said.

If 723 veterans obtained \$2000 GI Bill loans, it was stated, a down payment of \$1,446,000 could be made and eventually the veterans community could purchase the property outright.

Conspiracy Count Nolle Prossed in Meogressi Case

Assistant U. S. Attorney Bernard Margolius yesterday nolle prossed a conspiracy count in District Court against Carmen John Meogressi, 27, accused of conspiring with six others to procure a young woman to engage in prostitution.

Meogressi, who was indicted on the charge October 1, married the girl, said to be 19, while she was free on bond as a Government witness. Margolius said he took the action because the wife said she would not testify against her husband.

Atomic Bomb Speakers



AT NEW YORK FORUM—Prof. Harold J. Laski, chairman of the British Labor Party's executive committee, and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt as they waited to speak on a dinner program at the Hotel Astor Monday night, ending a three-day conference on "The Challenge of the Atomic Bomb"

Penicillin Tops Black Market In Germany

Berlin, Dec. 4 (AP)—The magic quality of penicillin, as a cure for venereal disease, has made it the hottest item on the black market in Germany.

One Russian soldier offered \$1000 for "any amount" he could get from American GIs, some of whom are having penicillin mailed to them from the United States.

German women flock to the American sector of Berlin to get treatment. Allied soldiers line up at prophylactic stations "to get that magic shot in the hip," whether they are infected or not.

Russian Soldiers Complain

Russian soldiers complain that penicillin is available to German civilians but not to them, and many have tried to obtain it from American soldiers. z z z z z

American health officers say penicillin is vastly overrated and often defeats its own purpose in control of venereal disease. They say that at best it is a sure cure in only 85 per cent of cases, and even if the entire penicillin allotment for the American zone was given to German civilians it would not solve the problem.

Like Water Into Sieve

At present, German women are the only civilians given treatment. One doctor said many of the women were quickly re-infected and it was "like pouring water into a sieve."

"The main value is psychological, because the use of penicillin increases the number of voluntarily reported cases," said an officer.

"The treatments will cure many women, but we do not know whether it will decrease the total number of diseased women because it gives the girls a false sense of security."

House Agrees On Bill Cancelling Agencies' Funds

The House agreed today to a compromise on legislation cancelling approximately \$51,500,000,000 in war-voted appropriations of miscellaneous Government agencies. Senate action still is necessary.

The legislation has been tied up over disagreement between the Senate and the House on funds for the Army Air Corps and on return of employment offices to the States.

The compromise calls for return of the job offices to the States in 100 days.

It fixed at \$11,799,313,000 the Air Force reduction. The House originally had cut the Air Force \$12,166,313,000 and the Senate \$11,313,313,000.

The Senate also agreed yesterday to the final form of the bill except for the amount involved in the Army Corps item, which was left for further conference between a Senate-House Committee.

British Troops Are Flown Into Bandoeng Area

Batavia, Java, Dec. 4 (AP)—British reinforcements were sent to troubled Bandoeng by air today and Premier Sutan Sjahrir of the unrecognized Indonesian government declared he had sent representatives there to try to halt mounting disorders.

A British press statement said 40 persons, most of them Eurasians, were killed, injured or missing after their homes were set afire in Bandoeng during the last week.

It declared 14 persons were locked in a house yesterday by Indonesians and burned to death.

Attacks on British headquarters in Bandoeng were dispersed yesterday by mortar fire, the British said.

The new disorders were disclosed even as an Indonesian radio station, calling itself "Revolt Bandoeng," broadcast today that British and Indonesian forces in a conference Sunday had reached an agreement for joint responsibility in maintaining order. The radio said the agreement called for British troops and Indonesian police to guarantee the safety of all Dutch and Eurasians, who were to be concentrated on one sector of Bandoeng. The broadcast appealed to Indonesian youths to cease activities against the British.

The first airborne reinforcements took off this morning in 12 transport planes for the 75-mile hop to Bandoeng, the Dutch News Agency Aneta said. The British were reported planning to fly an entire battalion of the Indian Fourth Maharattas to the city.

The only other military action reported was in the Semarang area, on the Java north coast, where the British said Indonesian concentrations were dispersed after being shelled by British naval units in Semarang Harbor.

Mrs. Broyles Rites Held; Widow of Va. Editor

Luray, Va., Dec. 4 (SpI)—Funeral services were held yesterday from the Baptist Church for Mrs. Cornelia Broyles, aged 75, widow of Samuel Broyles, old time Shenandoah Valley printer, and associate editor of the Page News and Courier.

Mrs. Broyles was a native of New Market, the daughter of the late John B. and Emily Estep, former toll gate keeper on the New Market-Sperryville turnpike. She was a member of the Main Street Baptist Church here for 40 years.

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PALACE

ENDS TODAY: "WEEK-END AT THE WALDORF"

-With Shirley Povich

There isn't enough difference, however, to convince the point-layers that the Giants will beat the Redskins. Right now, you can have the Giants and $6\frac{1}{2}$ points.

By Al Costello

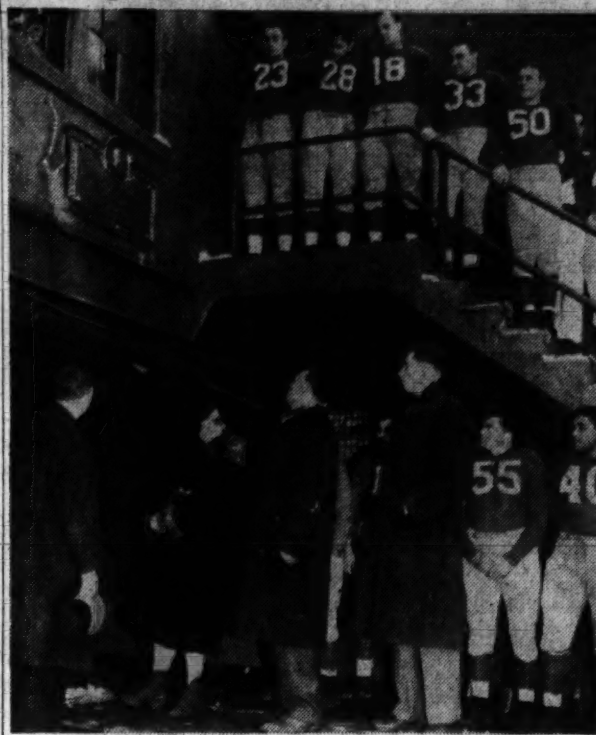
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Klein, f.	0	0	0	Dahl, f.	0	0	0

Camp Lee, Va., Dec. 4 (AP).—Camp Lee Travelers opened their 1945-46 basketball season here last

Davis, g.	2	0	4	Bell, c.	3	4	1
Kitty, g.	0	0	0	Hackett, c.	0	0	0
Maddox, g.	1	3	5	Wood, c.	1	0	0
G. Campbell, g.	0	0	0	Maas, g.	3	1	0
Baile, g.	0	0	0	Davidson, g.	3	0	0

Totals	13	5	29	0	0	0
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Half-time score—Camp Lee, 23;						

Georgetown's Blozis Honored



Associated Press Photo

His former New York Giant teammates and members of his family view a memorial plaque to the late Al Blozis, former Georgetown University football and shot put star who was killed during the war. Shown at Polo Grounds ceremony Sunday are (center of platform): Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Blozis, Al's parents, and his brother, Joseph (right). Players are Jim Poole (23), Verlin Adams (28), Bill Petraitas (18), James Sivell (33), Ken Strong (50), A. Tomaini (53), and Victor Balan (40).

The Sport of Kings

By Gayle Talbot

By Jack Hand
New York, Dec. 4 (AP).—Half-back Tony Minisi of Navy probably came as close to being the

1945 grid season as anybody you could mention, including Glenn

A week later Notre Dame had the Middles down, 6 to 0, until Clyde Scott got away for a 60-

yard run on a pass interception to tie the score. The Irish appeared to have scored the winning touchdown on a pass play

By Harold Classen

'Bama's Gilmer

Atlanta, Dec. 4, (AP).—Headed by Halfback Harry Gilmer, Alabama's unbeaten, untied Rose Bowl nom-

Dick Howard of Iowa State ran back the kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown and three minutes later he intercepted a pass and

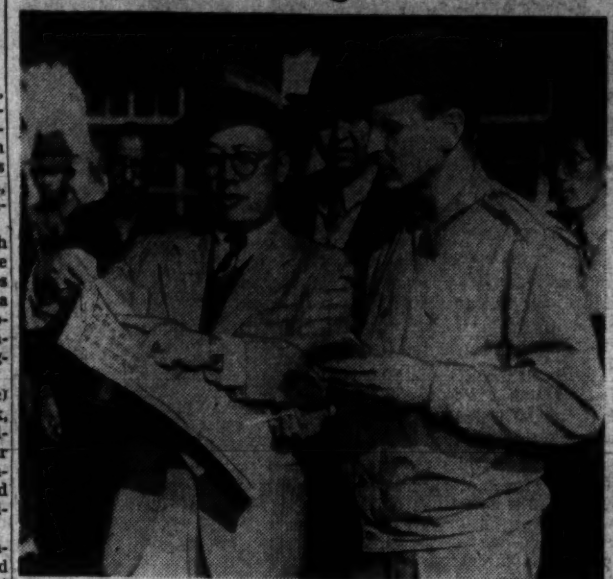
On the passing side, Bob

one of the three beatings suffered by Southern California, the Western Rose Bowl representative came at the hands of

Washington on a fake field goal try that developed into a scoring pass from Wally Dash to Gordon.

Post Writer Reports:

Chinese Horse Racing Is Even More Confusing Than Ours



By Staff Sergt. Walter Wood
(A Marine Corps Correspondent, formerly
of The Washington Post)

Peiping, China (Delayed).—At
noon track here, Walter Height, the

race track here, Walter Haight, the writer, would lose a few pounds, and Walter Haight, the horse, could win a few races.

"The fourth race was won by pony named Hwang Fei, a nine-year-old with P. U. Wong up; Fong, an eight-year-old, came second with I. G. Wong (no

has been at the pony game for 10 years and should know if anybody knows.

The fourth race was between

gray, and resulted in another one of Mr. Chu's selections bringing

Approval Of Chandler Necessary

Trautman, recently switched from the post of American Association president to Detroit Tiger general manager, and Art Ehlers of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues (the minors).

In Chandler's place was his secretary, Walter Mulbry, who said the commissioner was picking a speech

Each pockey wears colors, but neither his own nor the pony's owner. The boy on pony No. 1 is

owner. The boy on pony No. 1 in the race wears red; No. 2, yellow; No. 3, white; No. 4, green; No. 5, orange, etc.

places, depending on the race's length. A red flag waved from a two-story tower at the finish line.

A judge in the tower has the final say on who wins. He must ear-

Mary
Haworth's
MailGreat Church Worker, Woman Is Virago Wife
And Mother; Husband, Children Quail Before
Her Tantrums, Which Grow Worse as Years Pass

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: Since I write for help and not for sympathy, I am stating the facts objectively. We have been married 20 years and have three children, now in the teens. We are active in civic affairs; and my wife, especially, is a great church worker. Yet our home life is dangerously near the rocks. It has never been smooth; but of recent years it has been perilously stormy.

My wife has a quick unreasonable temper. Trivial matters send her into a tantrum. She may be sunny tempered for an entire day, then make a scene on the slightest excuse. And if guests are present it's just the same. The children and I quail before the storm; and in fact they have been humiliated so often before their young friends that they no longer invite them here. Naturally they seek companionship elsewhere, which worries me.

I was warned before marriage that my wife-to-be was a very disagreeable person. I knew that she had been reared in a quarrelsome home; and that her father, although quite religious, was most stubborn and unreasonable. But as she recognized and despised his incon-

sistency I felt she would be doubly careful to build peace and happiness into our home. So when she was perturbed I was patient.

Is It Wrong to
Humor Her?

PATIENCE came easily to me, for I loved her and felt that with my help she would outgrow her temper. Alas, she has not. She has become steadily worse. Outbursts of temper and harsh talk are now the daily usual thing. Nor are scenes confined to our four walls. She rails in public places, apparently unaware or unashamed that people stand listening.

Then she pouts, perhaps only for a day, perhaps for two weeks. During those spells, every minute of her presence is torture to human beings should have to endure more than once. I am not resentful, only concerned for the children, hopeful that a happy home life may yet be salvaged. How can I meet this problem? Have I wronged my wife by taking her tirades calmly? Should I have "stood up" to her long ago? Would that be best now? Apparently she doesn't realize that her home life is quite opposite to the ideals she professes before the world.

A. J.

Shrews Need
Slapping Down

DEAR A. J.: In Shakespeare's play, "The Taming of the Shrew," the badgered bridegroom finally turns on his virago wife, to give her such competition on the bulldozing front that she becomes a lamblike spouse in self-defense and finds herself much happier for it. He also, as you know, Shakespeare wrote from practically limitless insight into human nature, and his dramatic device for subduing a bully in petticoats—while comically unfolded—doubtless also would work in everyday life, if used in time.

In my opinion, you should have squared off to your wife years ago; certainly not later than when she began scaring the children with her infantile rampages. Your loving patience with her ceased to have virtue—became, instead, the cowardly appeasement policy that always hangs itself, as you have found, when it left them orphaned of stern, righteous protection in the storm.

Her tyrant behavior, like her father's before her, is not so much inborn as it is acquired and self-indulged cussedness. No doubt he, like she, cut his teeth on a bad example supplied by elders, whose fierce outbursts when tired or vexed filled covering intimacies with equally fierce resentment, carefully hidden. Hence each in turn, when graduated from youthful underdog status, began taking the hide off other folks who would stand for it, partly in consequence of early wrong example, partly to explode deep hostilities engendered by early harassment of sensibilities.

Unburdens Story
To Her Pastor

WHICH means, of course, that they made no rational, sincere, organized effort to rise above the worst aspects of their formative experiences, but rather sank below them—back to the infantile consolation of shrieking rages, of spoiled brat tantrums, when pinpricked by life. Thus, it seems to me your wife's psychological salvation as an adult hung in the balance at marriage—and that a husband who was indeed a peace-loving man, in the sense that he positively required peaceful relationships in peaceful surroundings and masterfully refused to settle for less in marriage, might have forced her growth by using righteous wrath to strongly finish every fight she started.

By now, she is as much the victim of her hysteria habit as any of you; and also, hardly aware any longer that she is despicably different from civilized persons—as far as tantrums before guests and in public indicate. So I don't know what the results would be if she were figuratively taken over somebody's knee. But my advice is: Stop supporting her pious pretense that home life is lovely. Quit the hush-hush attitude towards her deviltry. The next time she makes a scene, pick up your hat, go to the door, turn and bellow: "I'm going to talk to your preacher about this. And maybe also a doctor and a lawyer. I've had enough. And you're making tramps of your children, of course. They'd rather live on the streets than here. Or had you noticed?" Then go to the preacher; and don't return until you've bared the whole story.

M. H.

Howells Plan
To Visit Here

Brig. Gen. and Mrs. George P. Howells, Columbia, S. C., will be guests this weekend of Mrs. Alfred T. Smith, widow of General Smith, who was aide de camp to General Howells for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Haas of Wardman Park Hotel are in New York for a week and are at the Barclay.

Martha Ellyn's Platter Chatter

Treat the Family to a Batch
Of Homemade Doughnuts Soon

That fresh-from-the-fat fragrance that comes only when a doughnut emerges from its dunking has a powerful ecstatic spell on most persons. Of course, there are some who consider this food with prejudice, because they've eaten only grease-soaked sinkers. It is not such sinkers that stir the appetite, but such creations as the sour cream ones, the spicy molasses doughnuts, the honey ones and all others of the doughnut clan that start the mouth watering.

How long has it been since you gave your family a treat—friends, too—with a batch of homemade doughnuts? You have only to observe the persons who stand in front of a display bakery window, fascinated by the sight of browning circles, puffing and steaming to lightness, to know that doughnuts are a favorite food.

Now that fats and oils are off the ration list there is a better chance of doing deep-fat frying. Perhaps you may be a bit short on sugar, but that needn't stymie you, for delicious doughnuts can be made with corn sirup. Doughnuts are note from the following recipes:

Ever make doughnuts with mashed potatoes? They make superbly fine eating. The following

POTATO DOUGHNUTS
Sift flour to make 6 cupsful, then sift with 7 teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon nutmeg. Beat 3 eggs, add 2 cups sugar, 1½ cups warm mashed potatoes and continue beating. Add ¾ cup milk and combine. Add the sifted dry ingredients and mix only until flour disappears. Chill. Place about one third of dough at a time on lightly floured cloth. Sprinkle surface of dough lightly with flour and roll to ½-inch thickness. Cut with floured doughnut cutter. Fry in hot lard, 350 degrees, until golden brown. Drain. Roll in granulated or confectioner's sugar if desired. Yield, 4 dozen doughnuts.

The temperature of the fat can be tested by dropping in a cube of bread, about 1 inch in size. If it browns in 1 minute, the fat is sufficiently hot. This is a good general rule to remember for frying any uncooked food. Above all, do not let fat smoke. The lard may be used over and over again, if clarified after each use and properly stored. To clarify, let fat cool, add a few slices of raw potato and heat slowly until potato is well browned. Strain through several thicknesses of cheesecloth. Store in tightly closed container in cool, dark place.

If you want to make doughnuts without sugar, this recipe will give splendid results:

SUGARLESS DOUGHNUTS
Sift 2 cups flour with 2 teaspoons baking powder, ¼ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon cinnamon and ½ teaspoon nutmeg. Combine ½ cup corn sirup, 1 beaten egg, 1 tablespoon melted shortening and 6 tablespoons milk. Add gradually the sifted dry ingredients, mixing thoroughly. Turn onto floured board and roll ¼ inch thick. Cut with doughnut cutter and fry in deep hot fat until golden brown. Makes 24 doughnuts.

VARIATIONS: To make chocolate doughnuts, add 1½ squares melted chocolate, flavor with cinnamon and 1½ teaspoon vanilla. Lemon doughnuts may be made by using 4 egg yolks instead of the whole eggs. Add 2 tablespoons lemon juice and 1 teaspoon lemon rind. Season with nutmeg.

**Quiz Yourself
On Overweight,
Then Get Busy**

By Ida Jean Kain
Quizzes are always fun. If you answer a third of the questions wrong, well maybe that could be the answer to your weight problem.

1. Bored people get hungry often? True or false? Very true. According to Pavlov, mild hunger contractions do not enter your consciousness as hunger pangs if your mind is diverted. It's when you haven't anything interesting to do that you want to eat all the time. A zest for living is the best guard against overweight.

2. When fat runs in the family it is inherited? True or false? False. You can't inherit pounds. It's food habits that influence weight.

3. Loss of sleep often leads to overweight? True? False? True. The next day you don't feel like getting a move on. You make the least effort. Will power wanes too—it's so easy to reach for a box of candy.

4. Sugar calories are as fattening as fat calories. False. An ounce of butter or any fat contains 244 times as many calories as an ounce of sugar or any carbohydrate.

5. Overweights are often malnourished. True or false? True. We mostly think of malnutrition with underweight. Overweights have plenty of calories and to spare, but often they get their calories from the wrong foods and neglect the minerals, vitamins and tissue-building proteins. This leads to "hidden hunger" and a craving for food.

6. Well-toned muscles weigh more than flabby fat. True. That's why the girl with well-toned muscles can look stream-lined at normal weight, whereas the soft flabby person appears bulky.

7. Turkish baths and steam cabinet baths reduce weight, but not fat. True or false? True. That is not "honest sweat" and doesn't take off an ounce of fat. It lowers weight by taking water out of the system. If this temporary loss in weight encourages you to cut calories, you'll lose. If it tempts you to overeat because of the weight lost, you'll gain. There are no easy ways to reduce: It's what you don't eat that is reducing.

The Gentler
Sex
By
Malvina Lindsay

Forgotten Women

Christmas morning may hold heartbreak for millions of American women, Mrs. Henrietta DeGoofey, noted reformer, warped yesterday at her press conference. "As it looks now," she said, "untold numbers of women will wake up to find that Santa Claus has not left them any nylon stockings. These are the women whose relatives and friends have not been agile, strong-armed, or shrewd enough to get in on the nylon sales."

"Also sadly enough," continued the reformer, "these are the same women who during the war years didn't have the enterprising husbands or men friends who made business trips to Mexico, or knew a man who knew a man in New York, Chicago, or elsewhere, who had a cache of prewar nylons he was selling to a few selected friends. The whole thing is gross injustice to a minority group!"

"Now just imagine how the woman who doesn't get nylon stockings this Christmas will feel all during the holiday season when she has to admit her lack to her friends. Why scarcely anything else will be talked about at parties!"

"You forget the atom bomb!" broke in the editor of the Ivory Tower Review.

Empty Stockings
Mrs. DeGoofey gave him a withering glance. "Now as I was saying," she went on, "this nylon stocking situation is the gravest problem facing American womanhood. Something must be done—and done at once—about the little woman whose rayon stocking Christmas morning will be empty of nylons."

"I have an idea," exclaimed a reporter from the Common Man's Champion. "Get up a 'Needy Nylon Fund' for the Little Women Santa Forgot!"

"This isn't a matter of charity," said Mrs. DeGoofey. "It's a question of justice. It's the gravest problem facing American womanhood. Something must be done—and done at once—about the little woman whose rayon stocking Christmas morning will be empty of nylons."

"I have it!" broke in a political commentator. "Get some legislators who's up for election next fall to come out on a platform of 'A Couple of Nylons in Every Bureau Drawer by Christmas.'"

"This is bigger than that," said Mrs. DeGoofey. "Our entire Government should be concerned. The British are already awake. The London Daily Sketch has been running a campaign to recognize the war work of British women by making it possible for them to have an adequate supply of full fashioned nylon stockings by Christmas. The men promoting this idea feel hose manufacture should be stepped up so that England, while awaiting its men warriors' mail, ribbons, and gratuities, could do something for the women who held on so bravely during the blitz, and who worked so hard throughout the war."

Ungrateful Women
"Now that was a gallant gesture, but many of the British women, I understand, did not appreciate it. Some professional women wrote in saying it was an insult to their sacrifices. Many housewives said they would prefer hosiery to nylons. Strangely, the men seemed to have been much more enthusiastic about it than the women."

"However, since observing the lines at nylon sales in this country, I feel sure our American women would feel grateful to their Government if it would make 'Christmas Nylons for all' a national project."

"But Mrs. DeGoofey," asked a representative of The Student Thinker, "would our high officials and legislators be interested in such an idea at this critical time in world affairs?"

"They will grab at it like drowning men," predicted Mrs. DeGoofey. "The idea is a godsend to them right now when there's such a rumble of complaint through the country that women are being squeezed out of high offices and being pushed around in the higher levels of politics. Think what such recognition of women would mean in the next election when more women than men may be voting!"

"Think of the oratorical opportunity it offers for Congressmen to pay tribute to womanhood! In fact, I am fully convinced that if the majority leaders don't snatch at it, the Republicans and Southern Democrats will put it over without delay."

Myerses Return
Mr. and Mrs. Luther F. Myers returned recently to their home in Freeport, Long Island, N. Y., after an extended visit with Mrs. Myers' mother, Mrs. H. M. Bogart.

Mrs. Truman
Honor Guest
At Luncheon

Mrs. Truman was the guest in whose honor Mrs. James Forrestal, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, entertained at luncheon yesterday at her home in Georgetown.

Wives of other Cabinet members who were guests were Mrs. James F. Byrnes, Mrs. Robert Patterson, Mrs. Fred Vinson, Mrs. Henry A. Wallace, Mrs. Clinton Anderson, Mrs. Robert Hannegan, Mrs. Lewis Schwellenbach, Mrs. Tom Clark.

In addition there were Mrs. Cordell Hull, wife of the former Secretary of State; Mrs. Chester Nimitz, Mrs. J. O. Richardson, Mrs. John W. Snyder, Mrs. Stuart Symington and Mrs. George A. Garrett.

**Plan 20 Events
This Afternoon**

TWENTY teas or luncheons in one day—that's what Hadassah has on schedule for its Washington chapters today. There's to be a party in every neighborhood for prospective and old members. Chapter officers will visit each hostess to welcome new members and guests, according to Mrs. Joseph Mendelson, membership chairman.

Hostesses will include Mrs. A. Palma Aftonson, Mrs. Philip S. Aurbach, Mrs. Benjamin Bass, Mrs. Joseph Dessoff, Mrs. Samuel Dodek, Mrs. Leopold V. Freudberg, Mrs. Lewis Furr, Mrs. Aaron Gerber, Mrs. Jennie Gilles, Mrs. Samuel Higger, Mrs. Mervin Hirsch, Mrs. A. J. Kaplowitz, Mrs. Rachel Kossow, Mrs. David Kushner, Mrs. I. Laskin, Mrs. B. Levin, Mrs. Philip Rosen, Mrs. T. H. Stein, Mrs. Saul Stouck, Mrs. Simon Hirschman and several others.

**Jeannette Kutschko
Commander's Bride**

Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Emerick Kutschko announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Jeannette Kutschko, to Lieut. Comdr. Richard E. Herr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Herr, Shamokin, Pa., Monday noon in the Chapel of Walter Reed Hospital. Chaplain Luther O. Miller, Chief of Chaplains, officiated.

The bride attended Holton-Arms College and Arizona State College. The bridegroom was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

General Kutschko, on duty in the CBI theater, arrived the evening before the wedding to give his daughter in marriage.

When they return from their honeymoon, they will live temporarily in Washington.

In Atlantic City
Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, commandant of the Marine Corps, is at the Marlborough-Blenheim in Atlantic City for a brief stay. Also at the hotel are Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Day, Bethesda, Md.

Niebyl-Hale Rites
Solemnized Here

Miss Elizabeth Crosby Hale, USNR, daughter of Mrs. Matthew Hale, Cambridge, Mass., became the bride of Karl H. Niebyl in Washington, November 30.

The bride was graduated from Vassar and before joining the Waves was engaged in economic research for the Federal Public Housing Authority. Mr. Niebyl, recently discharged from the Navy, formerly was professor of economics at Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

E. N. Thompsons
Parents of Son

Lieut. (j.g.) Einar Nicholas Thompson, USN, and Mrs. Thompson announce the birth of a son, Einar Nicholas Christian Thompson, Jr., November 28 at the Ranger Hospital, Ranger, Tex.

Mrs. Thompson is the former Miss Mary Margaret Nichols, daughter of Mrs. Lillian Nichols, Washington. Lieutenant Thompson is stationed at the Naval Air Base, Jacksonville, Fla.

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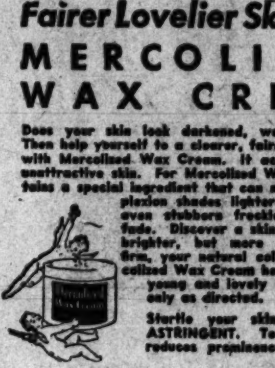


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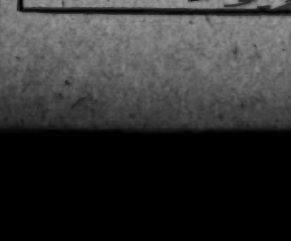
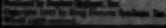
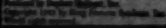
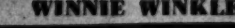
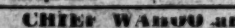
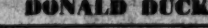
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Muffle the Riot Guns, Halt Atoms—It's Time For Christmas Tales

By Sterling North

The Fireside Book of Christmas Stories. Edited by Edward Wagenknecht. Bobbs-Merrill. \$3.50

In this season of doubtful peace on earth and obvious ill-will toward men we turn a trifle desperately to the beautiful Christmas stories which commemorate the birth of a child in a manger in Bethlehem.

While countrymen of Charles Dickens inform collateral descendants of Jesus that there is no room in the Holy Land, and while rulers no less callous than Herod turn riot guns on the Jews of Tel Aviv, we scan the sky for a star which never reappears.

But as we await an atom bomb down our chimney (from the well-filled bag of the jolly old elf), we can at least attempt to recapture the Christmas spirit.

Instrumental in that attempt is Edward Wagenknecht's rather heterogeneous collection of Christmas tales packaged by Bobbs-Merrill and distributed as a holiday bonus by the Book of the Month Club. Christianity itself is heterogeneous—all things to all men. So perhaps we should show Christian generosity in reviewing a collection which spans the literary firmament from the close and moving simplicity of St. Matthew and St. Luke to the coy and cloying banality of "When Father Christmas Was Young"—perhaps the worst story in any recent anthology.

It is quite obvious that this collection was not meant to be a scholarly, but rather a very popular, collection.

First comes a department labeled "Christmas Is Christ" properly prefaced by Matthew and Luke. Henry Van Dyke's almost pre-Raphaelite portrait of "The Other Wise Man" and his less well-known tale, "Even Unto Bethlehem" set the tone for a partly factual, partly imaginative reconstruction of life at the time of Christ. In the same vein of tender and romantic fictionizing is W. E. Cule's "The Man at the Gate of the World." Possibly more daring, but certainly more believable, is Elizabeth Hart's "The Husband of Mary," which goes into Joseph's understandable doubt and his curious and beautiful romance with the girl Mary. But the section becomes thoroughly sentimental in Frances Hodgson Burnett's tale of the miracle which befell "The Little Hunchback Zia."

Actually the success or failure of this entire first section depends upon willing suspension of disbelief on the part of the reader—the major psychological factor in the success of all fiction. But suspension of disbelief was far easier in an era of strong Christian faith, and writers of those years leaned heavily upon this religious crutch—so heavily that they often failed to produce the minimum essential of verisimilitude in constructing character and action.

The second department, "Christmas Is Santa Claus" makes fewer demands upon the reader's credulity. As Dr. Wagenknecht and others have pointed out, Santa Claus, despite his origin as St. Nicholas, is an almost totally irreligious or nonreligious mythological figure. Unfortunately he has virtually usurped the role of Christ in what was once a deeply moving celebration.

"Christmas Is Santa Claus" contains such selections as Clement C. Moore's overrated jingle, Roark Bradford's bright little whimsy, "How Come Christmas?" James Lane Allen's "The Realm of Midnight," Katherine Lee Bates' "A Christmas Carol," and Giamelli Bradford's "Santa Claus: A Psychograph."

This book really comes alive on Page 279 with the section entitled "Christmas Is Dickens." Actually the English speaking world has had only one great writer on the Christmas theme and that is Charles Dickens himself. Not all of the stories in this section are by the tender caricaturist who made the festival what it is today. For instance, the first piece is by Joseph Addison, and others are by that famous Victorian Mrs. Gaskell, by our own inimitable Washington Irving and others. But none of them can touch "A Christmas Carol" and "Christmas at Dingley Dell" by the creator of Scrooge and Tiny Tim.

The latter half of this section, still in the Dickens spirit, contains some of the best of the moderns: Walter de la Mare's beautiful and tragic story "The Old Man and the Sea," Marjorie Bowen's not very Christmas-like thriller "The Prescription," and two of the finest and bitterest shafts ever slanted at modern selfishness, "A Christmas Gift," by T. F. Powys, and "Happy Christmas" by Daphne du Maurier. The Powys and du Maurier stories indicate with tragic and ironic finality just how little Mary and Jesus could expect of a selfish world if the Christ child were born today.

"Christmas Is Home"—section number four—is a fair example of Christmas as we know it today. I could do without the selections from Louisa May Alcott and Zola Gale. But Kate Douglas Wiggin's "The Bird's Christmas Carol" earns its inevitable place in this as in all other Christmas anthologies. Hamlin Garland's nostalgic memory of Christmas on the Middle Border carries authentic charm and Jake Falstaff's "Merry Christmas" tops everything else in the volume save Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

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Here Are the Brighter Spots in the Book Parade

By William Soskin

WHEN one is faced with tapping the season's best books for holiday honors, grave doubts creep in. This year's best do not seem to emerge far above the mediocre.

However, here are the Oscars, slightly tarnished: The nearest approach to distinguished fiction writing is in Josephine Pinckney's "Three O'Clock Dinner." A story of family conflicts in Old Charleston, it contains a gleam of adroit, sophisticated writing.

An author who attempts to inject a worldly, sociological note into a story farther north is Elizabeth Janeway, author of "May Kenyon." This novel concerns a rather conventional triangle among people who pass for intellectuals. It has dramatic conflict and atmosphere, but emerges an unconvincing book.

Stclair Lewis' latest gallery of caricatures, "Cass Timberlane," is noteworthy. His study of middle class suburban marriage, for all its weakness and distortion, seems a sounder, more amusing story, based on wider experience than almost any of the newer intelligentia have produced.

What passes for the Thomas Mann type of intellectuality this year is a very unmagical mountain, "The White Tower," by James Ramsey Ullman. Most of the book is concerned with the climb and descent of the terrible White Tower, and in that it's a good story. But it contains a lot of philosophical vagaries about life, fascism and love and this seems to lessen its stature.

Another novel whose action is essentially allegorical and whose fable is wittier than the bare drama would seem to suggest is Christopher Isherwood's novel of a British movie studio, "Prater Violett."

The war is reported chiefly in two novels. One is Constantine Simonov's "Days and Nights," which is an imaginative portrayal of the siege of Stalingrad and an inspirational account of the heroism of the Russians. Robert Henriques' "Home Fires Burning" is a very earnest novel about the returned soldier's search for leadership in society and state.

French frigidity, urbanely but rather academically done. The fields of biography and history are greener. Top honors go to Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., for his superb "The Age of Jackson," a modest and restrained study. It is an age related closely to our own and to the career of Franklin Roosevelt.

Another rewarding book from the American people is Carl Van Doren's compendium of "The Writings of Benjamin Franklin." This is obviously a labor of love and meticulous scholarship. An autobiography with a native flavor is Marquis James'



QSCARS FOR AUTHORS are awarded by William Soskin to a number of writers including Constantine Simonov (lower left), for "Days and Nights"; to Nancy Bruff (upper left), for "The Manatee"; to Stclair Lewis (center), for "Cass Timberlane"; to Josephine Pinckney (upper right), for "Three O'Clock Dinner"; and to James R. Ullman (lower right), for "The White Tower."

The Anthony Adverse formula is represented in Thomas Costain's "The Black Rose," a fulsome tale which wanders from England to the Orient and back and which exploits almost every device of historical, costume drama in a flamboyant fashion.

The "Forever Amber" formula is to be found in Nancy Bruff's "The Manatee," which has a sexually sadistic protagonist and an ample supply of New England carnality. Sexuality is also represented by Andre Maurois' "Women Without Love," a study of

Let Mark Twain Cultivate Ivan

Books Are Our Best Ambassadors

By Bennett Cerf

At Christmas time our hard-won peace assumes a new kind of reality. After long years of war, once again the immortal words, "Peace on Earth—Good Will Toward Men," can be taken out, tenderly aired and used without excuse, explanations or wishful thinking. With this season, the actuality of peace—its reality, its depth, its truth—takes root in the consciousness of people the world over. But its present reality does not mean that we drink the peace like the rarest of wines, caress our lips in warm appreciation and relax with finality to enjoy its permanent glow. No, now is the time for all men to absorb its beauty and resolve to preserve the goodness and strength of peace for generations to come.

This is a common task of the people. It can be done in many ways. But the hub of it is human understanding and friendship of one people to another. Such a feeling of mutual respect is especially important between the Americans and Russians, as Maxwell Anderson put it . . . "The more we know about Russia and the more the Russian people know about us, the longer the peace of the world is likely to last. Cultural understanding is basic; books are the best ambassadors. The books we send to Russia now may save the lives of our sons and grandsons."

That is why he and I and scores of other men and women of letters today like William Rose Benet, Van Wyck Brooks, Erskine Caldwell, John Hersey, Lewis Gannett, John Erskine and Mark Van Doren are

fact that Russians get as long as eight months to wait an English book from a library? Why then is the study of English more popular in the Soviet Union than the study of all other languages combined? I have just heard that collective farmers of villages in Eastern Siberia have begun the study of English classics.

Even the children's radio hour has its counterpart in the Soviet Union. At the last May Day broadcast of the program, the "Round Table Under the Cuckoo Clock," the popularity of the American songs sung was demonstrated by the telephone calls immediately after the performance.

During the crucial days of the war, special literary celebrations were on the "order of the day." While Moscow was shaking, the Central Library for Foreign Literature arranged an exhibit around the works of Jack London. The Librarian said: "Thousands of Soviet people needed us at that time, perhaps more than ever. There were Red Army men studying English and there were people to whom Dickens' humanitarian or London's heroes or Whitman's democracy provided stimulation and rest amidst war."

We want to get a million Anglo-American books, ranging from Shakespeare to Steinbeck, from Chaucer to Mark Twain and James Fenimore Cooper. Throughout the country, committees are mushrooming. Send your books to the committee nearest your home (phone Russian Relief Headquarters for information) and help insure "Peace on earth, good will toward men" as a permanent way of life for all peoples.

How then can we explain the

You Shell Out Your Money And You Pick Your Murder

By Dorothy B. Hughes

An ambitious wife goads her husband into the murder of a benefactor; one murder leads to more, with resulting mental and physical decay of the protagonists. A young man, suspecting his mother of murdering his father, returns home to investigate and avenge the murder. The psychological manipulation of his emotions by his trusted friend drives an officer to murder his beautiful and innocent young wife.

Stories of murder. Stories of suspense, of psychological crime. Today all are lumped into the classification: Mystery Stories. As you know, the foregoing three are by the master of English literature, William Shakespeare. Yet the intellectual snobs continue to look down their noses myopically and slur, "Oh, mystery stories . . ." And the apologists, bless their hearts, who are shouting about the good writing in mysteries today, have yet to point out that the choice of subject matter therein is as worthy as the writing. As far back as the Greeks, our greatest literature under the mask of Tragos has

been made up of stories of violence, of death and destruction.

The privilege of surveying the mysteries for the year brings with it the temptation to speak out about certain matters concerning mysteries. I am so deeply dyed a fan that in making a check list of the year's best I find myself with enough bests for a thesis.

Leading the bests, in order of publication, are three. First, "Assignment Without Glory" by Marcos Spinelli, young Brazilian. An international chase story, murder, of course, but beyond these a beautiful novel of the Matto Grosso with his own tropics, and Linho, his boy cook. I haven't read better writing this year in any field. Second, "The Deadly Dove" by Rufus King, who writes them good always.

Three bests, but then there was "Green Hazard" by Manning Coles, a terrific spy story with Coles back in his topmost form. And the sinister "Steps in the Dark" by Martin Cumberland, whose writing is so good it is to envy.

But the "Deadly Dove" is something extra; it is a neat comedy with sinister undertones written with the economy of "Arsenic and Old Lace." To me it's another minor masterpiece. Third, "The Red Right Hand" by Joel Townsend Rogers, a first mystery, although Rogers is well known to pulp readers. This is the most breathless tour de force of many a year and undoubtedly the surprise package of 1945.

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In Rock, Crayons and Water

'Little No Shirt' Paints Animals of His Desert



By Albert Hannum

Spin a Silver Dollar. By Albert Hannum. Viking. \$3.75. Illustrated by Beaton Yaz.

Idly a Navaho Indian sent a silver dollar spinning down the trading post counter. It had a gay ring to it, and the sound of chance—in this instance the chance a young couple take when they leave the known behind, to start out in a new way. The trading post was the one at Wide Ruins, Ariz. Just what it was about that high piece of desert with its sand the color of buckskin, with its canyons and junipers and in the distance the mountains, that drew Sallie and Bill Lippincott, newly out of the University of Chicago, they did not know exactly. But when they happened upon the trading post itself, its irregular stone walls laid up long before the Spaniards had invaded that part of the great Southwest, they knew that was the place where they wanted to make a life for themselves. And they did—two sophisticated turned Indian traders. A highly colorful adventure in modern living which, as it went along, got recorded pictorially by a child of the primitives.

Began in Rock

Jimmy was the son of their Navaho handy man, and so shy that in all their four years at Wide Ruins, from 1938 until 1941, he never said more to them than he whispered yes and no. Then he would turn his dark, handsome head around backward to hide a shy smile for them. Or sometimes it was to hide a black eye Jimmy was the name he was

given at the school house at the top of the hill from the trading post. All Navahos have three names: the one they're born with; the one they get at school if they go to school; and their nickname. This latter they go by almost altogether. Navahos do not like having their real names known. They don't want their good names banded about—to get worn out. Jimmy's nickname was Little No Shirt. The Navaho for that is Beaton Yaz.

In time that came to be the signature, in a child's uphull scrawl of all the pictures that he painted.

Jimmy painted the animals of his desert. And he had to paint them his own way. No one could teach him.

The first the Lippincotts knew of his drawing at all was the day they found him out in the desert, scratching out a picture on a rock, with a sharpened smaller rock. The drawing itself was not unusual. But that he was doing it in rock, as his ancestors before him had done (some rock drawings on canyon walls around Wide Ruins date back to the time of Christ) interested them. So the next time they went to Gallup, 80 miles away, they brought him back some crayons and water colors and a painting pad.

Thus Jimmy came into his first use of color—at once and naturally, as though the love of it had been there all the time. At first he would exhaust all the possibilities of one color, using the same color for different subjects.

Fresh Breeze Blowing

From that, he went on to balance one color against another and then color against different textures of paper scraps which he would rescue from the Lippincotts' waste baskets. His use of color seemed infallible. Not that his colors always were true to their subjects (once he went in for blue rabbits, which was slightly disconcerting) but his colors were true to each other. From color he went to force of line, with the whole tending increasingly back toward that abstraction which is the keynote of the best of the art of his people behind him.

Today's the Day for The Post's First Book-Author Luncheon

THIS is the day literary Washington has been anticipating—the day of the first of a series of Washington Post-sponsored Book and Author Luncheons. The 325 guests who hold tickets will have opportunity to hear Carl Van Doren speak and to have their books autographed by other famous writers.

Mrs. Eugene Meyer, chairman, will introduce Mr. Van Doren, Frances Parkinson Keyes, Helen Orr Watson, Joseph Lally and Walter Lippmann. Mrs. Keyes, a prolific writer and novelist of note, has just published "River Road," dealing with the life and love of a native son who returns home to Louisiana—a hero of World War I.

Helen Orr Watson, a native of Minnesota, has traveled extensively with her husband, Col. James T. Watson, and while with him in the Philippines gathered material for her series of books for young people—a series dealing with Army mules, dogs and pigeons.

Mr. Joseph Lally, book editor of The Washington Post, whose reviews appear on the editorial pages, is coauthor with William Franklin Sands of "Our Jungle Diplomacy."

The political columns of Walter Lippmann are a regular Post feature. Mr. Van Doren's talk will be broadcast from 1:45 to 2 p. m. from the main ball room of Hotel 2400 16th st. n.w., scene of the luncheon. The few tickets remaining may be purchased at Hotel 2400.

Meat Ax For Theologies, But Bertrand Russell Puts In Good Word for Religion



A History of Western Philosophy. By Bertrand Russell. Simon & Schuster. \$5

Reviewed by Will Durant

When a first-class mind pours into one rich volume its mature judgments on every major problem of human life, the result is an event in the intellectual world. Few men of our time can rival Bertrand Russell in learning, in sharpness and objectivity of thought, or in brilliance and clarity of style. Born into the British aristocracy, reared in an atmosphere of free thought, trained in the rarest subtleties of mathematics, experimenting blithely with the moral code and conventions of his time, respecting all dogmas and looking askance at all governments, matching words and crossing pens with all comers in Britain, Russia, China, and the United States, this implacable rebel and unregenerate earl has now, in his sixties, composed a vast and fascinating philosophical testament.

For this book is more than a history of philosophy. It is that, primarily; and within its self-imposed restrictions it is, despite some omissions, more complete than any single volume yet published in this field.

Lin Yutang Solves an Oriental Puzzle

Newly Invented Chinese Typewriter Has Sixty-Four Keys

By Lin Yutang

During the last 30 years it has been my ambition and my dream to invent a Chinese typewriter that (1), like the English typewriter, can be used by everybody, with a keyboard amenable to the touch method, and (2) can type all Chinese words in use, and not a fraction only. Chinese words are individual symbols (over 43,000 in number, of which 10,000 are current).

Since 1917, when I published the first essay ever to challenge the old dictionary classification based on etymology, I have been perfecting a system for indexing Chinese words for quick reference. Thus the idea of the Chinese typewriter grew along with the study of the general index.

Now a machine has been perfected which operates with sixty-four keys, arranged in five rows,

T'EN IS THE FIELD

AND NIU THE OX

AND MI THE RICE.



By pressing two keys, which can be done by two hands at the same time, one can type a word in a fraction of a second.

The machine, which will be out soon, can type a theoretical total of 90,000 characters, including the 10,000 in current use and many new, weird combinations. It takes about the same time to type a Chinese word as it takes to type an English letter.

Split Chinese Atom

Several Chinese typewriters have been invented and put on the market. Firms that bought them

laid them aside after a while, first because it is quicker to write the character than even for trained typists to locate the thousands of characters, and secondly because they contain only 5000 characters.

Thus to invent a Chinese typewriter adequate for all commercial and literary purposes, the inventor's first job was to split the Chinese atom, the characters, and reduce their number in order to provide a room for all. Now a simple way

New Children's Books Offer a Welcome Holiday From Horror

By Wilma McFarland

AS an antidote for worry about the atomic bomb and the rest of the general world confusion there is nothing more efficacious than an occasional escape into children's books. This year's offerings make a pleasant vacation spot. Here are fantasy and non-sense and plain ordinary common sense. Here is reassurance that the simple old realities are marching sturdily on. You will return from such excursions with fresh courage and a lighter heart.

We were glad to find so many good fairy stories among the new juveniles. We can see parents sneaking these away from their little boys and girls to read at night.

James Thurber's "The White Deer" will not need to be sneaked as its publishers recommend it for adult reading. You can even give it to yourself and loan it to the small fry. It is an inspired combination of romance and nonsense with some spoofing of the old fairy story pattern on the side. The author's own incredible art work plus some decorative color pages by Don Freeman illustrate the book (Harcourt; \$2.50).

It is futile to try to describe E. B. White's "Stuart Little"; its flavor is too subtle and elusive. If you liked Kenneth Grahame's "The Wind in the Willows" you will like this story of a mouse-boy and his friends and adventures, and you will find the quaint pictures by Garth Williams exactly right (Harcourt; \$2.00).

"The Plain Princess," by Phyllis McGinley, with its excellent illustrations by Helen Stone, does not have the overtones of the other two, but it is very nice indeed, and will be immensely cheering to daughters not quite satisfied with their noses and foreheads (Lippincott; \$1.50). And it is good to see Ethel Cook Elliot's "The Wind Boy" out in a lovely new edition illustrated by Robert Halloway—a Norse "Tales" Sigrid Undset has given us her favorites from her

own country's fairy lore of trolls and mountain magic. The vigorous black and white illustrations by Frederick T. Chapman are very satisfying for these tales of the cold northlands. The author's fine introduction is a little masterpiece in itself (Knopf; \$2.50).

Original Dore's
And how delightful it is to have a new edition of "French Fairy Tales" by Charles Perrault and to be reminded that we owe such well-loved classics as "Puss in Boots," "Hop o' My Thumb" and "Little Red Riding Hood" to France. The original engravings by Gustave Dore are here, too, beautifully printed, and we hope they will have the same fascination for modern childhood as they had for us oldsters.

A French edition of the book is released at the same time and at the same price (Didier; \$1.50). Those who love the fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen will rejoice in the wonderful new edition selected and illustrated by Tasha Tudor—a perfect combination of text and art (Oxford; \$3.50). In "Adventures Real and Magical"

Good Gift Ideas

Three stories from Bible times make charming gift books: "The Little Lost Lamb," by Golden McDonald, illustrated by Leonard Weisgard (Doubleday; \$2.00); "Wee Robin's Christmas Song," an adaptation of an old legend, by Elsie-Jean, illustrated by Elsie McKean (Nelson; \$1.50); and Olive Price's "A Donkey for a King," with its fine illustrations by Valenti Angelo (Whittlesey; \$1.75). For older readers there's Walter Farley's "The Black Stallion Returns," illustrated by Harold Eddridge; a grand boys' story, sequel to a perennially popular favorite (Random; \$2.00).



GRIMM'S Fairy Tales are illustrated by Fritz Kredel.

Phyllis Fenner has added a new volume to her already distinguished series of anthologies illustrated by Henry Pitt in vigorous pen and ink. The stories Miss Fenner includes, ancient and modern and from many countries, are favorites with the children in her unusual school library (Knopf; \$2.00). From our own folk lore comes another book in the famous Petersham series.

In "The Rooster Crows—American Rhymes for American Children," the youngest readers will "see the elephant jump the fence," learn more about "Yes, my darling daughter" who hung her clothes on a hickory limb,

and find the old counting-out games, like "Engine, Engine, Number Nine," delightfully illustrated. (Macmillan; \$2.00).

AMONG the books about children in other countries, "Yu Lan, Flying Boy of China," by Pearl Buck, introduces us to an eager and very real small boy who, like his American counterparts, would rather make airplane models and learn all about airplanes than to eat or sleep (John Day; \$1.50). "Jungle Boy," by Lyla Carver, tells how a heroic boy of the Philippines saved the people and animals of his village (Longmans; \$2.00). "Youth Rejoice, I Can," an anthology of stories by outstanding authors, edited by May Lamberton Becker, brings together a notable collection of tales of youthful heroism in the war-torn countries.

"The Stars Came Down," by Regina Woody, is a modern fairy story of little Princess Bettina in an unnamed country who has lived underground and has never seen the stars until assured peace and a happy birthday bring her an unforgettable experience (Harcourt; \$2).

BOOKS on our own social problems, include the new John Tunis book, "A City for Lincoln," among the best. The author takes his hero, a young football coach, into a stirring political war against corruption in a Midwest city. Adults as well as young people will enjoy this one (Harcourt; \$2). Doris Gates' sensitively written new book, "North Fork," centers around a clash of personalities and an ultimate adjustment between a gifted

Indian boy and a white boy, thrown together in a Sierra Nevada lumber camp (Viking; \$2). "We Have Tomorrow," by Arna Bontemps, tells the remarkable true stories of the struggles and achievements of 12 distinguished Negroes (Houghton; \$2). In "Neces-

Perennial Favorite
"Mother Goose" is well represented this year. First in Feodor Rjovskovsky's portfolio of gorgeous four-color "Pictures From Mother Goose"—eight favorites, each 18 inches deep and grand for a nursery wall (Simon & Schuster; \$2.50). "Sing Mother Goose," in which 50 favorite "Mother Goose" rhymes are set to simple music and illustrated in four colors by Marjorie Torrey, is one of Opal Wheeler's brain and heart children, always outstanding (Dutton; \$3).

Mary Nelle," by Charlotte Baker, five appealing small Mexican-Americans have to prove to a stern judge why a seemingly useless little white dog has an important function in their humble family life (Coward; \$2).

IT IS hard to know where to begin and where to stop in telling about the animal books this year. There's Dorothy P. Lathrop's "The Skittle Skittle Monkey," with its delicately meticulous drawings and its amusing plot (Macmillan; \$2). There's "The Shoeless Robin," by William Hall and Robert Lawson, in which a helpful bird shows a small boy how to lace his shoes (Crowell; \$1). There's "The Antique Cat," by

Blanca Bradbury, with its abundance of superb pictures by Diana Thorne and Connie Moran, in which a tough alley cat makes good and gets a permanent job in an antique shop (Winston; \$2). There's "Censored, the Goat," written and illustrated by that highly successful pair of collaborators Phil Stong and Kurt Wiese (Dodd, Mead; \$2.50). There's Christine Weston's "Bhimba, the Dancing Bear," who goes adventuring across India, accompanied by young Gopala and a small runaway David. A grand tale with many illustrations by Roger Duvoisin (Scribner; \$2).

And so far we've only scratched the surface! But you will be visiting the book shops yourself if there are youngsters on your Christmas list. You will see the many we have not had room to mention and the many more that will be on the market by the time this review comes to you.

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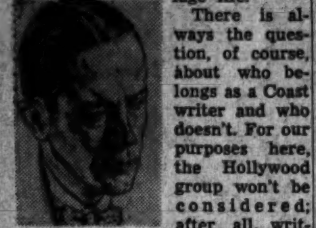
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Nobody's Coasting on the Coast

By Joseph Henry Jackson

Any detailed survey of what Pacific Coast authors have written in 1945 would take half a dozen solid columns: the Coast is a busy region when it comes to writers and it is growing busier. This, therefore, must be bidden high lighting, no more.

In fiction for the year, Steinbeck's "Cannery Row" probably topped all novels in sales. There was a new edition of his "The Red Pony," too, with color illustrations by Wesley Dennis. Steinbeck left for Mexico not long after "Cannery Row" appeared last spring, and he's still working on the motion picture he's doing of Mexican village life.



JACKSON

There is always the question of course, about who belongs as a Coast writer and who doesn't. For our purposes here, the Hollywood group won't be considered; after all, writers there come and go, and even when they stay they are engaged in a special business. But the question comes up also in other books, for example, in listing "Anything Can Happen," because a good portion of that fantastic and light-hearted tale concerns California and because Helen Papashvilly once worked in a Berkeley, Calif., bookstore.

Began On Coast
Oscar Lewis is native grown; his "The Uncertain Journey," an exploration into the indecisions and adjustment problems of college youth, has a local setting. Barbara Corrigan, in "Voyage of Discovery," tackles much the same theme, though the war allowed her to write only part of her novel in Carmel, Calif.; she finished it in a New York apartment because her husband in the service was moved by his superiors. Idwal Jones is another who stays put here; his novel of the haute cuisine, "High Bonnet," is just published, and he

is at work on a three-generation story of the days when the California mercury mines were big producers.

William Martin Camp brought out "Skip to My Lou," a novel of shipyard workers on the Coast and why they found that, big wages or not, their own South suited them better. Camp is now with the Marine Corps somewhere in Asia.

George R. Stewart's "Names on the Land" was easily the nonfiction leader among many books by Coast writers. Stewart is an original; he never does the same sort of book twice in a row. Now he has finished an account of Man, written from a fresh angle, which will appear in the spring. Meantime, he is launched on a novel of forest fires which may turn out to be something like his well-known "Storm."



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... belong to Pacific Coast group, although not always there

Gertrude Atherton, at the age of 88, brought out "Golden Gate Country" in the American Folkways Series. She is currently working on a purely personal intimate volume about the San Francisco she remembers.

Harvey Fergusson, who spends more time out here than in his native Albuquerque, wrote "Home in the West," in which he conducted a frankly outspoken inquiry into his own personality, at the same time reflecting the mores of the New Mexico of 30 years or so ago.

Beginning of Trend
Julia Cooley Altrocchi, always interested in the great westward migration of the days of Manifest Destiny, published "Old California Trail," the result of years spent in following the ancient ruts left by

covered-wagon wheels. And Stewart Holbrook, in "Promised Land," produced one of the best in the series of anthologies of regional writing this season has seen, taking the Northwest as his province.

These, of course, are highlights only. Many titles have been omitted. I have said nothing of the many detective-story writers who live on the coast or of the writers of books for children—Doris Gates, Howard Pease, Katherine Eyre and others—or of the fine presses such as the Grubbs Press and the Colt Press, all of whom have books to their credit during 1945. But the reader who is interested will find that the Pacific Coast, including the inland Northwest and the Southwest States, is increasingly responsible for books of importance and that this trend has only begun.

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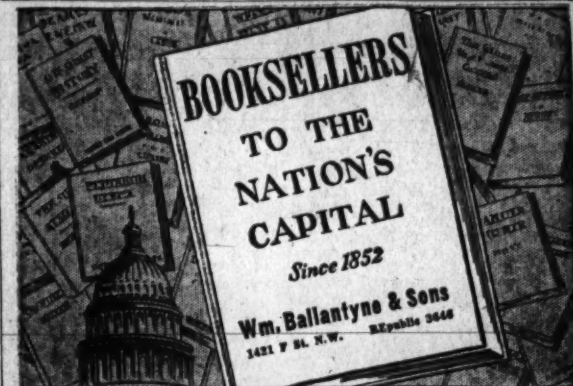
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The Diaries of Tchaikovsky.
Translated from the Russian and
annotated by Vladimir Lakond.
W. W. Norton. \$4.

By Andre Kostelanetz

Like another famous diarist—Samuel Pepys—Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky intended his diary to be seen by no other eyes than his own. Although circumstances threw the matter into the realm of pure speculation, it is conceivable that the robust Pepys—outside of having a few bad moments with reference to a number of his indiscretions—would not have been unduly embarrassed by the publication of his diaries during his lifetime. But there can be no doubt that the sensitive and morbidly introspective Tchaikovsky would have suffered indescribable torment to know that his most intimate and revelatory thoughts were subject to public scrutiny.

But Tchaikovsky is secure from this knowledge and we who know and love his music profit greatly from the publication of "The Diaries of Tchaikovsky." Much credit is due Vladimir Lakond for what must have been a prodigious and diligent labor of love in translating and annotating these diaries of the great Russian composer.

In a sense, these diaries are a verbal interpretation of Tchaikovsky's music. Seldom has a man drawn a better self-portrait than did Tchaikovsky in his music. The loneliness, the torment, the morbidity, the passionate longings, the Russian capacity for great joy and equally great sorrow, the love of beauty, of nature, above all, of homeland—these are the materials from which Tchaikovsky wove the varied and haunting tapestry of his music.

Never Moderate

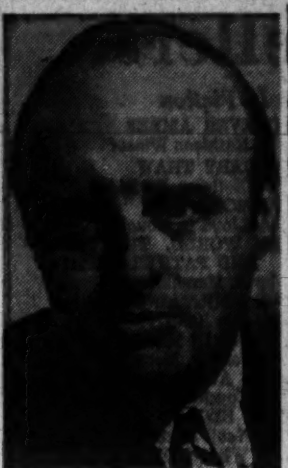
Reading through these diaries, one is struck again and again with the curious feeling that one is reading an unprinted, unedited Chekov play. This is not to compare the diaries with the writings of Chekov, for they are not comparable. But the things Tchaikovsky felt and did (and recorded so frankly), the depiction of emotions, their somber moods and their gay ecstasies, the variety of characteristic viewpoints on life, the very setting of large, comfortable houses and lovely gardens—these are the raw materials of a Chekov play.

Tchaikovsky—Russian and genius—reacted with moderation to nothing. Whether recording the results of a game of whist (which he played too frequently for a man who professed to detest the game), describing a train companion who irritated him, complaining about his health (and how he complained), discussing the weather, his immortal soul or his immortal music—Tchaikovsky's reactions were never indifferent. He could become as impassioned over a bad run of luck at cards as he could about an indifferent performance of one of his own works.

Although the diaries begin



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... popular conductor reviews famous composer's diary

chronologically with 1873, they are mainly concerned with the eighties, that period in the composer's life which was the most productive musically and the most dramatic biographically. The cultural centers of the world were Tchaikovsky's in those glowing days, and his picture of the artistic and social life of Moscow, Paris, St. Petersburg, Berlin, Leipzig, London and New York is fascinating.

Tchaikovsky was an enormous success in New York as well as everywhere else he went in America. In 1891, he accepted an invitation tendered by Walter Damrosch to conduct for the opening festival concert at Carnegie Hall (then known as Music Hall). One might note, parenthetically, that Tchaikovsky thought the orchestra "splendid."

"Amazing people, these Americans!" was Tchaikovsky's exclamation and pleased reaction to the people of this country. "... frankness... generosity... hospitality... eagerness to oblige and win approval... American customs, American manners, and habits generally are very attractive to me."

Left: Mich Legsey

Yet, despite his admiration for Americans and America, despite the adulation that greeted him on every hand, Tchaikovsky longed passionately and touchingly for Russia... his Russia. The diaries close with Tchaikovsky on shipboard, headed for home. Only two short years were left for him to live, and when he died in 1893 much great music died with him, unwritten. But his legacy of melody has enriched the whole world.

There are dull spots in "The Diaries of Tchaikovsky" as inevitably there must be in the daily record of any life. But this is a minor complaint. Indeed, the burning intensity of Tchaikovsky's inner life in many cases transforms even the most actionless and eventless of days into something tense and dramatic.

Mr. Lakond's notes are valuable and helpful and, in many instances, throw new light on hitherto obscure points.

Out of "The Diaries of Tchaikovsky" emerges a full-colored, three-dimensional portrait of the man and the musician. Anyone interested in either—the man or his music—will find it absorbing and will receive from this book the means to an understanding and appreciation of the motivations and the thoughts of Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

Orcutt Tours His Library With Reader

From My Library Walls. By William Dana Orcutt. Longmans, Green. \$3.

On the bookshelves of many booklovers, particularly those who like beautiful printing, are a number of stately (but intensely interesting) volumes about books and their makers. They include "The Kingdom of Books," "The Magic of the Book," "Master Makers of the Book" and "In Quest of the Perfect Book."

Their author is William Dana Orcutt, who loves books, designs them, sometimes prints them.

Through his long-time association with books and authors, he has a library rich in bibliographical detail. From this wealth of material he has drawn the chapters for his new book "From My Library Walls," an informal tour of his library and an informal bit of his autobiography.

Herein he tells stories of the Garrick Club of London (where once you couldn't set 'em up for a friend and where once also cigarettes couldn't be obtained from Friday to Monday because the secretary had locked them up in his roll top desk while weekend-ing).

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Hayes, history professor at Columbia, served as ambassador to Spain during crucial years. He gives his account of his experiences in carrying out one of the most disputed of all recent policies of the State Department.

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A actual achievements which Hayes claims for our policy include the facts that Spain did not hinder Allied landings in Africa, did recognize informally the Algeciras French, allowed volunteers to cross Spain and join the Free French, evacuated force-landed airmen, cut down on wolfram exports to Germany, and so on. He also counts as a success the permission to show the film, "Gone With the Wind."

But the ambassador and State Department, we are reminded, were criticized for their methods by groups and individuals whom Hayes characterizes as "new and untrained" OWI and OSS employees with a "missionary zeal," "certain journalists and radio commentators, particularly those who had long been more concerned with waging civil war in Spain (from a safe distance) than with fighting Germany," and "certain readily eruptive journalists."

Hayes, a Catholic, began his mission in the opinion that there were two sides to the civil war. With the exception of Falangist Serrano Suner, the leaders hate Communism, Year German overlordship,

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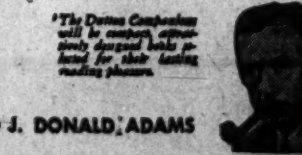
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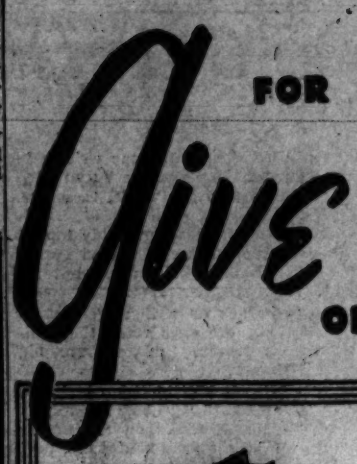
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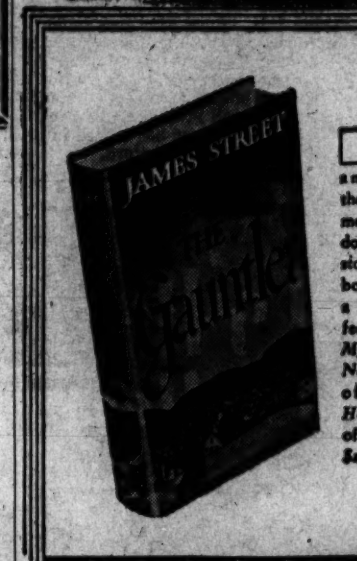
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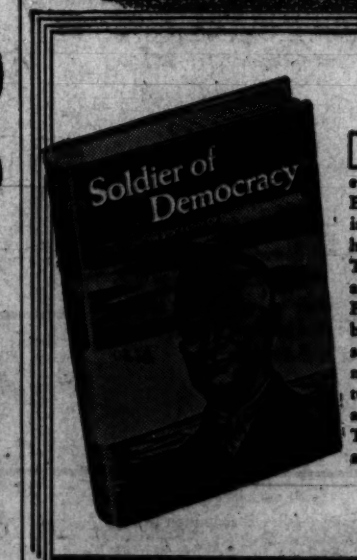
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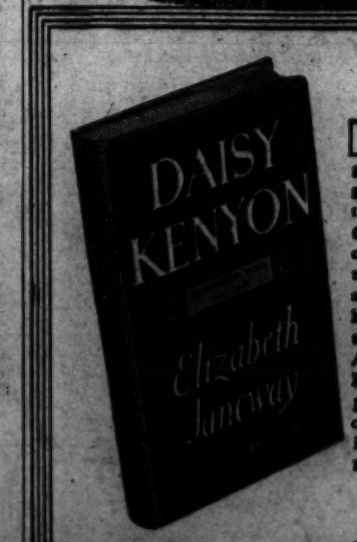
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Commandos on Horseback Foiled Armor-Clad Nazis

Reviewed by Quentin Reynolds

The Cossacks. By Maurice Hindus. Doubleday. \$3

The horse, except as a rather dubious item of diet, played little part in the late war. Neither the Germans, the British nor the American armies used the horse extensively in either training or combat. The Russian Cossacks, however, fighting on terrain that limited the use of tanks, found that the horse was far from obsolete. Maurice Hindus in "The Cossacks" tells the hitherto unrevealed saga of the Cossacks, their general and their horses in lively fashion.

The Cossacks were much like Commandos on horseback. They seldom fought pitched battles; they never established and maintained a line. But they could swim rivers tanks couldn't negotiate. They could slip through forests armor found impenetrable. And moving quietly, they usually had the element of surprise on their side.

One notable exploit was the capture of Kuznetskaya, only important because a large force of Germans occupied it. It was behind the main German lines. The Cossacks under General Nikolay Kirichenko managed to slip through unobserved.

Kirichenko sent a small detachment against the village. The whole German force came out to annihilate these foolhardy horsemen. Simulating retreat, the horsemen fled.

Then Kirichenko's main force which had been hiding in a friendly valley fell on the rear of the Germans. The Germans had no heavy stuff with them. Their small arm fire meant nothing to the Cossacks who had for three hours and forty minutes killed Germans.

"It took the Germans eight days to bury their dead," General Kirichenko told Hindus.

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give them spiritual strength to prepare for the final all-out effort to come. Kirichenko gave it to them.

The Cossacks fought brilliantly at Tazanor, at Rostov and in the fighting on the banks of the Mose River. The worse the weather, the worse the terrain, the better the Cossacks liked it.

"In darkness and bad weather," Kirichenko told Hindus, "the plane and the tank have poor eyesight. The mechanized forces cannot cope with fog or blizzard. But the horses' eyesight is always keen. There have been times when my Cossacks have played with tanks like a cat with a mouse."

Born, Not Made
Hindus goes back 500 years to the great Cossack heroes of the past. He tells us of Yermak who conquered Siberia, Pugachev who led a revolt against Catherine the Great and Stenka Razin who led a rebellion against the Cossacks. The Cossacks (until today) have always been strong nonconformists. "Cossacks are born, not made" is an old Russian axiom. Usually sons follow in their fathers' footsteps.

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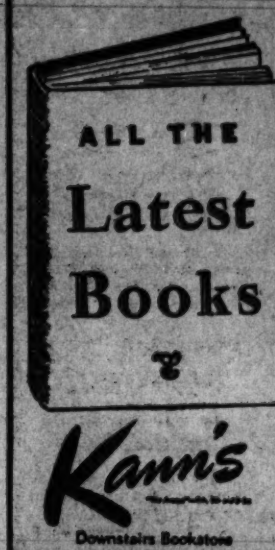
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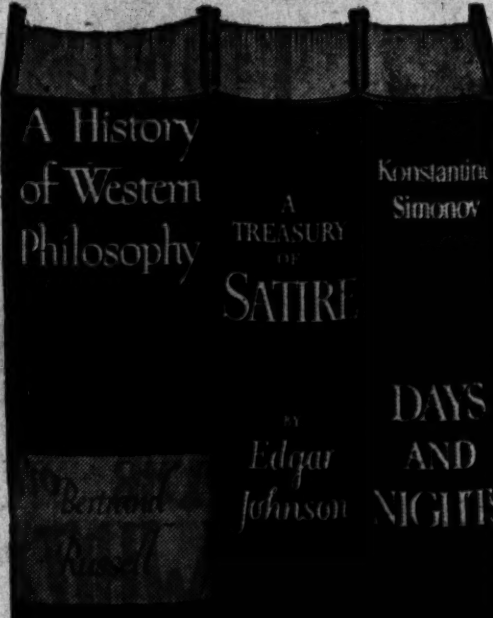
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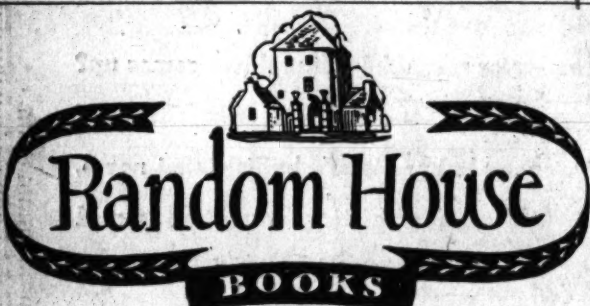
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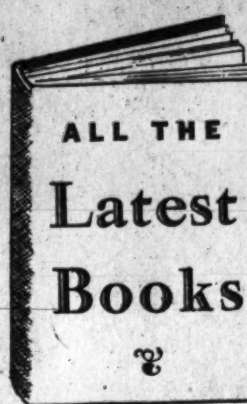
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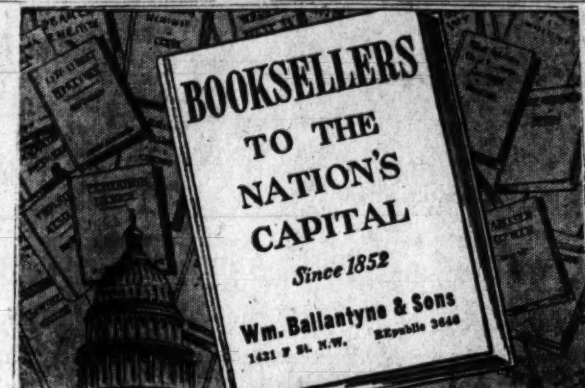
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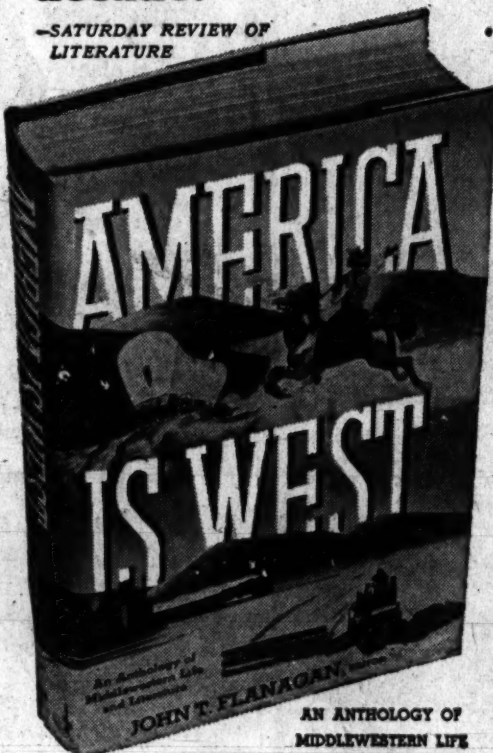
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use the same writers. "Mid Country" (has anyone discovered a missing hyphen in the vicinity?) is a collection of Midwest short stories, with two or three bits of non-fiction, all modern. "America Is West" concerns itself almost solely with the Food Bowl, and explains the region from its beginnings in more factual prose than fiction. Both books use occasional verse.

Bit Handicapped

Ruth Suckow, James Stevens, August Derleth, Edgar Lee Masters, Carl Sandburg and others appear in both books. The universities are quite fair in dividing some principal celebrities, for one has Willa Cather—with the possible exception of Lewis, our greatest contemporary novelist—and the other has Vachel Lindsay, a great poet with a characteristic manner.

"Mid Country" is a bit handicapped by the fact that in making out its bulk it has included nearly eighty poets and short-story writers of the present time and the particular region. There are really not that many writers around the place to stack up with Masters, Lewis, Cather, Engle, Suckow and some other highly distinguished writers.

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The disadvantage is, of course, that a good many chestnuts are included, from Mark Twain, Ring Lardner, John Hay, George

Ade, James Whitcomb Riley and so on. Still and all, as one says, when the reader finds Robert Frost fitted into a Midwest book, and very neatly, he wonders if this "regional literature" stuff is not overplayed after all these long years. "Regions" never bothered Shakespeare, who wrote about many of them without ever having left England, apparently. A good story needs no buckbrush.

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